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ANNUAL MESSAGE

—OF—

H. B. RICE,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON

—AND—

ANNUAL REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 28, 1906

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ANNUAL MESSAGE

OF

H. B. RICE,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON

CITY OF HOUSTON.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1906.

To the Honorable Commissioners of the City of Houston:

Gentlemen: Conforming to the requirements of the City Charter, I submit herewith my annual message, containing a carefully estimated budget for the fiscal year ending February, 1907, and a general resume of your management of the city's affairs for the past eight months. I respectfully invite your attention to the reports of the various departments, which speak for themselves.

Upon assuming control of the city's affairs, July 5, 1905, we found that the city, financially, was in a deplorable condition. With the treasury empty, employes demanding their salaries and a floating debt of over \$400,000, the accumulation of years, the prospect ahead of us was anything but bright and propitious.

To manage this government in a businesslike manner each Commissioner was appointed as the recognized head of several departments: Mr. Gaston, Chairman of Finance and City Hall; Mr. Thompson, Chairman of Water, Health and Light; Mr. Appleby, Chairman of Fire and Police; Mr. Marmion, Chairman of Streets, Bridges and Parks.

Under this system each Commissioner immediately took charge of his respective department, and attempted to bring order out of chaos. How well you have succeeded is evidenced by the report of the Con-

troller. From the very outset you determined upon a rigid but not niggardly economy. You found that most of the city employes were being paid \$2.00 a day for supposed eight hours' work, but in fact never giving over six hours' time per day to the government and sometimes less.

On account of the price of necessities of life you did not reduce the wages of employes, but repealed the eight-hour ordinance and required ten hours' service in all departments.

While this action of yours has been criticised in some quarters, it was absolutely necessary for the salvation of this city that employes should understand and be taught that this government was no political machine and that every man who worked for the city must give value received for his wages, AND HE DOES.

After the death of the lamented A. A. Szabo, Treasurer of the city, you deemed it best to economize in that office and appointed Mr. T. C. Dunn of the Merchants' National Bank, Treasurer, with a salary of \$600.00 per annum, against a former expense of \$2,720.00.

When Secretary Lipper, desirous of engaging in business for himself, resigned, you consolidated the offices of Controller and Secretary, without additional compensation, saving the salary of Secretary, amounting to \$2,100.00 per year. Your action was wise and was in keeping with the management of any successful business firm.

BACK TAXES.

One of the first and most important actions of your honorable body was to institute vigorous measures for the collection of back taxes, which had been accumulating for years. With your own Legal Department overrun with work you wisely deemed it best to secure outside assistance in the prosecution of this work and made a contract with Hon. John S. Stewart for this purpose. Under the present Charter, with its four-year limitation clause, suits had to be filed promptly, and I congratulate you upon the selection of your attorney, as he is not only thoroughly competent, but has had more experience in tax matters than any other lawyer in this city.

In regard to taxes, I find lately a desire upon the part of most of our citizens to cheerfully pay them, and I think there will be less trouble in the future in their collection.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

In former years the Legal Department of this city was chiefly employed in the collection of back taxes. You found last July that, on account of various damage suits against the city, as well as controversies with public utility corporations, that the Legal Department was constantly busy. Hon. T. H. Stone, who, at our inauguration, informed you that he would like to resign and resume his private practice of law, was earnestly requested by me to remain with us for some months. He did so, and while it was his loss, it was the city's gain. While the citizens do not understand, we do, and you and I are very grateful to Mr. Stone. There was hardly a day during his service to the city but what we consulted him, and he steered us clear of the shoals and helped us keep in the clear channel of wisdom and good sense. In the advocacy of a clean, honest, good government, and the practice thereof, the entire city owes him a debt of gratitude, and you can testify to the same.

We are fortunate in his successor. Judge Wilson is not only learned in law, but a character above criticism or reproach.

BRIDGES.

With the exception of the McKee Street bridge, the City of Houston really did not possess a sound and safe bridge last summer. The condition of these bridges alarmed us, and in spite of the financial status, we employed Capt. Jack Kennedy to organize a force of competent local mechanics and repair, and virtually, in some instances, reconstruct a few of the remaining bridges in the city. It came at an inopportune time, but the work has virtually been accomplished.

WATER.

I most earnestly invite your attention to the present condition of the Houston water, and its relation to our community.

The present supply of pure and wholesome water is not only totally inadequate to the necessities of the growing community, but it has reached that stage when prompt, intelligent and vigorous action must be taken for the welfare of our citizens.

It is estimated that over 30,000 people live in this city who do not and can not have water supplied them by the water company. This

is on account of litigation, which should have long ago ceased, and upon which now the people themselves must take action. There is an abundance of good, pure artesian water (which is considered the healthiest in the world) adjacent to Houston. The water company, in order to extend its service, both to the people and the maintenance of increased facilities, desire a new franchise in order that they may issue and sell sufficient bonds to carry out such measures.

In my opinion there are only one of two things to do, grant the company a new franchise, properly guarded so that the people may have relief, or the city own and maintain its own plant.

While I have always been doubtful of municipal ownership of public utilities on account of politics in the government, I have concluded, after much investigation and thought, that when it comes to the question of water, the very life and essence of a community, it would be far better for the City of Houston to own and operate its own water system. The city is in a financial position to purchase the present system and extend that service to the people, which they are entitled. Without water you can not maintain health. There are hundreds of fine homes being built in this community that have neither water nor sewers. Yet the owners pay 2 per cent tax just as those who receive water and sewers. It is your duty and mine to see that this injustice should not prevail. I recommend to your honorable body to call an election to determine whether the city will extend the present franchise of the water company in order that they may do business in a proper manner, or shall the people own their own plant.

I hope, for the good of this community, that the people will vote for the latter. The people can make a government do its duty by the ballot without litigation—with a private corporation recourse is had to the courts. What the City of Houston now pays the water company for hydrant rental alone, would pay the interest on the present entire bonded indebtedness of the water company. I regard the water and sewer questions absolutely the most important and vital ones that confront us.

SCHOOLS.

The City of Houston has a splendid system of public schools. The Superintendent is not only competent and progressive, but sincere in his work. Our schools will compare favorably with any institu-

tions similar to ours. You know that the schools are very much crowded for room, and with the great influx of people into this growing community our facilities are not what they should be. It seems that the children are growing faster than our revenue.

In addition to the Brackenridge School, in what used to be known as the Fifth Ward, I recommend that a sufficient appropriation be made for not less than an eight-room school house, somewhere between the I. & G. N. Depot and Milby Street, near the Harrisburg Road, and a school house to be built on the city property on Washington Street, in what was once called Chaneyville.

I suggest to you, gentlemen, upon the recommendation of President Horn, that the sum of \$9,750 be appropriated for the installation and maintenance of manual training in the schools, believing that the practical benefits derived from such instruction will more than compensate for the expenditure.

We have a fine School Board—men of affairs, and interested in this city. Democrats and republicans alike comprise this Board, and politics is a thing of the past.

DRAINAGE.

It is very important that the section of the city once known as the Third and Fourth Wards should have surface drainage. Both of these districts are very flat, and hard to drain.

The City Engineer estimates that, to cover this territory effectively, it will require the expenditure of \$100,000. As the City of Houston pays fully 85 per cent of the county revenue, I suggest that you invite our worthy County Judge and Commissioners to join you in this work.

SEWERS.

With the present system that has been adopted in regard to the filter beds, I am led to believe that, not later than July, Houston will have her long cherished wish gratified, of all sewerage matter being taken out of Buffalo Bayou and properly filtered.

It means a great deal for our city.

CLEAN STREETS.

The only promise that the Commissioners made during their candidacy was to keep your paved streets swept and clean. It took some time to perfect the matter, but I think you will agree with me that,

under our present system, the business portion of the city is as clean as any in this country.

I sincerely trust that the people themselves will take an interest in this matter, by not throwing paper and other objectionable material upon the streets, as to do so is a finable offence, and it is not pleasant to arrest any one for so doing. We want the help of every good citizen in keeping the city clean.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Under the method now pursued by this Commission, with the floating debt virtually canceled, I estimate that from \$150,000 to \$200,000 can be annually spent out of the general fund for permanent improvements, such as pavements, school houses, sewers, etc. This means the elimination of bond issues, at best more or less dangerous.

It means that, with a government economically administered, void of graft and politics, this city can have fully this amount to expend annually, out of its general revenue, to keep abreast of the times.

Therefore, I suggest to take up those matters most important to us now.

1. The repavement of Main Street, from McKinney to McGowen Avenue, and in connection with this particular street, the most important thoroughfare in the city, I suggest that quality and style of pavement be left to the majority of property-holders now living on this street. While I consider that time has shown conclusively that a good vitrified brick pavement is the most economical and permanent for this climate, yet Main Street has no street car tracks upon it, and an asphalt pavement properly put down, would make it one of the handsome streets in the South. However, that is for you to decide.

I recommend that Milam Street be repaved from Milam Street bridge to its connection with the present asphalt pavement on Hadley. With the present tremendous growth in the western part of the city, it is absolutely necessary that some decent thoroughfare should be given the people to reach their homes.

McGowen Avenue is in a deplorable condition. I hope that you will have this street properly repaired in the near future.

I recommend that the pavement on Liberty Street, the Southern Pacific Railroad track and McKee Street, now going to pieces, be replaced with a durable pavement; and also, that McKee Street, from

Buffalo Bayou to its connection with Liberty Avenue, be paved; also approach to draw bridge on Gabel Street. I suggest that you appropriate not less than the sum of \$10,000 to purchase material sufficient to keep in repair all the present gravel streets in the city.

It is essential that we maintain those pavements that are now in existence, no matter how poorly they may have been made or neglected. In regard to all these pavements, I suggest that, in view of the fact that these streets are to be paved, and in view of the fact that the courts do not allow homesteads to pay for pavements under compulsion, every property-holder on these respective streets turn over to the city his pavement coupons receivable for taxes, for the simple reason that, while the beneficiary may pay for a small quota of that pavement, the entire taxpaying community contributes to his benefit. It is just to do so. Now, how many will do so?

TAX RATE.

With the growth of this community and taxable wealth, I believe that the time has come for our rate of taxation to be reduced. There can not be any great reformation of a governmental system in eight months. Conservatism must prevail. Good and substantial measures are accomplished only gradually by study and experience. You know, and I know that we can make the tax levy for the year 1906 at 1.90 and still do justice to the city. Next year we may make it lower, gradually coming to that rate which the new-comer expects to find and the local man desires. Some good citizen will no doubt fear that this reduction will be the cause of all public improvements coming to a halt, but I assure them this will not be the case.

The time has come when Houston is making rapid strides in her growth and prosperity, when she is taking her place among the leading cities of the South. Surely this Commission will help her.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, gentlemen, for your honest and earnest efforts in behalf of the city. For eight months your entire time and best thought have been given to the city, and in all that time not a single unpleasant word or act has ever taken place in our sessions. Differing maybe sometimes on measures, but always pleasantly, and finally always a unit. With such a spirit pervading the Board, we can do justice to our city, and we will.

Respectfully,

H. B. RICE,
Mayor.

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1907.

Mayor and Commission.....	\$ 13,600
Controller and Secretary.....	4,500
Law Department.....	10,500
Treasurer.....	620
Assessor and Collector.....	24,000
City Hall.....	2,100
Elections.....	1,000
Damages.....	1,000
Interest on bonds.....	186,000
Redemption bond fund.....	14,000
Miscellaneous expenses.....	15,000
Electric lights.....	45,000
Water.....	24,000
Police.....	70,000
Corporation Court.....	1,600
Fire Department.....	72,000
Health.....	11,500
Scavenger.....	13,500
Electrical.....	4,300
City Engineer.....	9,000
Street and Bridges.....	60,000
Garbage.....	15,000
Sewer.....	20,000
Market.....	5,700
Schools, including manual training.....	100,000
Parks.....	5,000
Carnegie Library.....	5,000
Storrie Certificates.....	11,500
Refunding Certificates.....	20,000
Mayor's Emergency Fund.....	1,000
Total.....	\$766,420



ANNUAL REPORT

OF

J. Z. GASTON

CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 8, 1906.

TO THE HONORABLE H. B. RICE,
Mayor of the City of Houston.

DEAR SIR—As Chairman of the Finance Committee it gives me pleasure to submit this my annual report as required by the Charter, because for the first time in the history of this municipality, so far as I am advised, there exists at this date no "floating debt."

This statement is verified by a scrutiny of the Controller's annual report, now ready to be submitted to the City Council, and which is now before me. Looking on the "liability" side of this report, I find the first item of warrants outstanding amount to \$831.15, and the supporting schedule No. 4 shows that \$500.00 of this is represented by an incomplete transaction, and, in fact, the warrant has never been delivered to the payee.

The second item of audited vouchers includes only the statement of such obligations as were incurred during the month of February just passed, such as pay rolls and monthly bills.

The third item, bills payable, would absolutely have no place in the Controller's report had he chosen not to give us a comparison, item by item, of the two fiscal years, for that class of obligation has been completely wiped from the city's books. The public prints have too recently given publicity to these "old sores," healed during your administration, for me to further comment.

The fourth item of the report represents the accrued interest (but not due) on the city's bonded debt being \$38,564.82, and I have only to call attention to the fact that the Board of Liquidation show a balance of cash on hand, to offset this, of \$83,716.30, or enough laid aside to meet the July (next) semi-annual interest.

The fifth item shows the city indebted to special depositors (in the shape of guarantees for street openings, etc.) in the sum of \$3,782.30, which is a special fund never used by the city, except incidentally to draw interest as a monthly balance, as shown by consulting the list of available cash.

The sixth item, of miscellaneous creditors, amounting to \$1,385.68, is made up almost entirely of a balance claimed due the Engineer in charge of construction of our extensive sewer system, a subject of controversy now in the courts—another ancient inheritance.

Outside of the amount claimed by the Houston Water Company, now also being controverted in the courts and carried on our books as a contingent liability, this disposes of the "floating debt," as at this writing the February bills and pay rolls have already been paid or in process of payment.

Only one other class of obligations is shown on the report (except, of course, the bonded debt), and that is: For paving under the old front foot rule, denominated in the report as Storrie certificates and refunding paving certificates, and all of this class have been paid to date as accrued and presented, the former payable one-tenth and the latter one-twentieth annually.

The total floating debt last year is shown to be \$217,353.37, not including some \$30,000 refunding paving certificates due and unpaid, as well as \$5,000 of the Storrie certificates.

An examination of the Controller's report will show, item for item, how the floating debt has decreased to the vanishing point. The simple fact remains, that no debt shown (not in controversy) bears an older date than February, 1906.

For the first time in the history of Houston the city is receiving interest on her monthly balances from the bank. The following itemized statement will show interest received from this source:

1905	
July 15th to 31st.....	\$ 71.66
August.....	101.47
September.....	121.50
October.....	69.39
November.....	41.50
December.....	43.00
1906	
January.....	61.16
February.....	42.67
Total.....	\$552.35

The heads of all the departments, under the supervision of this Committee, have submitted their annual reports to you, which are com-

plete and reflect the workings and conditions of their respective departments.

The Controller's report contains a classified statement of the city's revenue and expenses, for the period from March 1st, 1905, to February 28th, 1906, together with a comparison with the same period in the previous year. From this report the officials of the city, or any others interested, can be in a position to know what obligations of the city must be met; what assets the city has in cash, and current accounts receivable to meet them; whether the departments are keeping within their budget allowance; whether the expenses of the departments are increasing, and just what causes the increase, if any, and whether the revenues of the departments are decreasing, and the cause of such decrease.

The following, taken from the Controller's report, shows that the total liabilities were reduced, during the last eight months, under Commission government, by \$306,202.47; and that the available cash on hand, on February 28, 1906, applicable to said liabilities, was larger, by \$74,592.87, than that on hand on June 30, 1905, or a total better showing, so far as the financial condition of the city is concerned, by \$380,795.34:

	June 30, 1905	Feb. 28, 1906	Increase *Decrease
Warrants outstanding.....	\$ 12,652.67	\$ 831.15	\$ 11,821.52
Audited vouchers.....	49,467.38	30,066.94	19,400.44
Anticipation tax warrants.....	65,000.00	.....	65,000.00
Bills payable.....	134,764.74	.....	134,764.74
Interest accrued on bond debt....	18,747.82	38,564.82 *	19,817.00
Special deposits.....	696.10	3,782.30 *	3,086.20
Miscellaneous.....	10,435.11	1,385.68	9,049.43
Houston Water Co.—Contingent....	69,986.52	70,339.64 *	353.12
Refunding paving certificates....	408,239.70	347,517.04	60,722.66
Storrie certificates.....	83,600.00	54,900.00	28,700.00
	\$853,590.04	\$547,387.57	\$306,202.47
Total cash on hand.....	\$168,272.82	\$156,302.16	.....
Less bond cash.....	123,473.68	36,910.15	.....
Total available cash....	\$ 44,799.14	\$119,392.01	\$ 74,592.87

Respectfully submitted,

J. Z. GASTON,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JAMES A. THOMPSON,

CHAIRMAN WATER, LIGHT AND
HEALTH COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 5, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor, Houston, Texas.

DEAR SIR—Complying with your request, I submit hereunder summarized statement of operations of the several departments over which the Water, Light and Health Committee has jurisdiction. In this summary I shall not comment on the “workings” of the several departments, now operating under the general direction of this committee, prior to July 5, 1905, the date of your induction into office, but will refer you to the reports of the several departments hereto attached, and marked Exhibits A, B, C and D, for information as to their conduct back of that time.

It is pleasing to note the harmonious and systematic manner in which the affairs of the several departments are now conducted. The duties of each employee are clearly defined, and they are required to perform them; the drone is a “thing of the past,” and I am frank to say that the present system of government has made it possible to bring about these conditions.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

There has been a notable decrease in all contagious diseases; every suspicious case has been investigated, and all precautionary measures taken, such as quarantine, isolation and fumigation, to prevent the spread of the contagion. This department has followed the practice (long since established) of fumigating the infected sick room without cost to the owner, but when additional rooms are requested to be fumigated, a charge of \$1.50 for each 1000 cubic feet is made, an amount sufficient only to pay the actual cost of fumigation.

An inspection of milk has been made from time to time, and, as a rule, the milk has been found to be of the required standard.

Slaughter houses have been inspected, and much good has been accomplished in the betterment of their sanitary condition.

Not only have the sick at the City Jail and the hospital been minis-

tered to, but an average of fifteen or twenty patients a day have been cared for at the City Health Office, and medicines given them when needed; besides many daily visits are made to the indigent sick at their homes. Also many sick people from neighboring towns and cities find their way to our city, and we are compelled to send a number of this class to the hospital; others have been given treatment and medicines, and some have been returned to their homes. This department has also given attention to numerous accident and injury cases in various parts of the city.

Typhoid fever cases are not reported to this department, but, judging from the mortality report, there is a very decided falling off in the number of typhoid cases, due, it is believed, to better drainage and improved sanitary conditions.

The total expenses incurred by this department, from July 1, 1905, to March 1, 1906, was \$7,450.57. In this amount the sum of \$1,039.10 is included, to cover salaries of quarantine guards during the months of September, October and November, who were stationed at Logansport, La., and Echo, Texas, on account of yellow fever quarantine. This precaution, on your part, was very wise, and the money "well spent," as needed assistance was furnished by these guards to the State Health Officer in keeping out of our city and State the much dreaded "Yellow Jack."

For this department a budget allowance of \$11,500.00 is recommended.

SCAVENGER DEPARTMENT.

The affairs of this branch of the Health Department are conducted in a business-like manner, and without friction. Complaints of unsanitary conditions are promptly answered; inspections are systematically made by the Sanitary Officers, detailed for that purpose, each one of them having a well defined territory to care for. 11,236 closets were condemned, 12,658 cleaned. The total earnings during the eight months of your administration were \$11,449.75; total expenses, \$9,987.89; net earnings, \$1,461.86. In the expenses of this department is included the sum of \$916.65, paid for the services of six extra inspectors during August and September, account of yellow fever scare; also, the sum of \$600.00 paid out in January for four new sanitary wagons.

The records for January and February, 1906, show an increase in revenue, over same months in 1905, of \$790.00, and a decrease in expense of \$490.00.

For this department a budget allowance of \$13,500.00 is recommended.

GARBAGE DEPARTMENT.

Upon assuming control of the affairs of the city, this administration fell heir to twelve carts and two wagons, which were in a very dilapidated condition and almost unfit for further use. After inspection of this "outfit" it was thought advisable to contract for carts with drivers, at a stipulated price per day for each cart and driver, the successful bidder to purchase the carts, etc., from the city. Acting upon this conclusion, bids were advertised for, and the successful bidder was awarded the contract, binding himself to furnish to the city, at \$2.97 each, twelve carts, with drivers, for ten hours each day; and the time used in going to and from the stables was not to be considered as a part of the ten hours—in other words, the carts were to be on the "work" for ten full hours a day.

Under the old system eight hours was fixed as a day's work, and time used in going to and from the stable was considered as a part of the eight hours. Estimating that the carts used an hour each day going to and from the work, it was possible for the city to have actual use of the carts for no more than seven hours each day. You will readily see that the city is now getting thirty-six hours more service each day out of the twelve carts under the new system than was received under the old. Under the old system the city owned the carts, bore all the expenses of keeping the animals, renewals of carts and repairs on same, and paid \$2.00 a day (about 28 cents per hour) to drivers. Under the new system the carts are owned and cared for by the contractor, and the cost to the city for cart and driver is \$2.97 per day, or about 30 cents per hour.

Daily service is being furnished to all parts of the city except that portion north of the Southern Pacific tracks, which only receives attention twice each week.

Arrangements are now being made to construct a furnace at the Pumping Station, of sufficient capacity to dispose of the daily accumulations of garbage. This will enable the department, by reason of the

short haul, to remove all of the garbage accumulated in the business center by ten o'clock each day instead of twelve, as is now the case. It will also do away with the unsightly and insanitary dumping grounds.

For this branch of the Health Department, a budget allowance of \$15,000.00 is recommended.

SEWERS.

Under this department is included the entire sewerage system of the city, which consists of forty-seven miles of storm and sanitary sewers and sewerage disposal plant. For the eight months of your administration the following sewers have been put in: 23,717 lineal feet of 8-inch, 261 feet of 10-inch, and 2,203 feet of 24-inch; total number connections, 358. This increase in sewer connections is accounted for by the fact that the Westmoreland and Fair Grounds additions and several other parts of the sewer districts were extended in the past eight months.

The San Felipe sanitary sewer was disconnected from the Heiner Street storm water sewer at a cost of \$48.00 for material, and the three laborers employed regularly for repairing sewers did all necessary work. This made the sewer from Heiner to Valentine subject to sanitary regulations from the Health Department, and added 1,020 lineal feet of 15-inch pipe to the sanitary system, which had been abandoned on account of its connection with a storm sewer leading into the bayou above the water company dam.

The Louisiana Street sewer, which was supposed to have been completed about the first of September, has not been accepted as yet, owing to the fact that defective pipe are being removed from time to time by contractor, and the mud in the sewer has not been removed so that proper inspection can be made by this department. The inspector who has charge of the work during construction reports that the pipe was all right when put in, and it is a most unusual occurrence for 24-inch standard pipe to crush or crack at this depth (8 to 10 feet) below the surface of the ground.

The 24-inch storm sewer constructed on Buffalo Street to relieve the overcharged sewer and Preston Avenue subway was constructed at an expense of \$5,600.00, and is now giving the relief required. The

catch-basins in the subway were constructed by the regular repair gang, and the Pumping Station, which was a failure for the purpose intended, has been abandoned.

The sewer system in general is in fair condition, and we have had no complaints from service where the pipe is not overcharged with storm water during rains. It is becoming more urgent that the sanitary sewers should be relieved from the storm water that enters from catch-basins and down spouts; the overcharging of the pipe sewers causes the joints to leak and in time will defeat the general benefit derived from a sewer system.

The total number of premises connected with the sewer system, as shown by the records, is 2,630. This indicates that about 15,000 people, or one-fifth of the estimated population of the city, are using the sewers. The unusual growth of the city has caused all of the existing sewers to be extended to the limit of their gravity flow, and as the Third and Fourth Wards have built up beyond the limit of the sewers, there is constant demand for extensions. This can only be had by the construction of Pumping Stations at the terminus of the present mains and constructing mains for the new districts. The present sewers have ample capacity for all the sewerage that will be tributary to them for several years to come. The Sewer Inspector's report shows a minimum number of stoppages for the mileage of sewers, and in only one instance has a stoppage been traceable to other than the storm water inlets.

The most important feature of the disposal plant, the filter beds, has been partially reclaimed from an abandoned and sadly neglected state. The present improved condition and service is not giving the most satisfactory results, but considering the limited time and means the results are sufficient to demonstrate what can be done with proper care and attention.

The present force at the beds consists of one foreman or tender and three laborers, who are regularly employed for work in cleaning sand and coke beds and taking up and repairing and relaying broken and choked pipes which distribute and run off the sewerage from the beds. Besides this help the two men who clean out tank and strainers in connection with the Pumping Plant and repair force main running from Pumping Station to filter beds put in about one-sixth time in helping clean sand beds.

The work accomplished on this part of the disposal plant, with the above mentioned force, consists of a general cleaning up of the whole fifteen acres of beds and cleaning out about one-half mile of ditches that drain storm water from land surrounding the beds, cutting and removing weeds and trash which had accumulated for the past three years. The cleaning of eight acres of sand beds, including repair of 200 feet of pipes in same, the taking up of about 400 feet of distributing pipes around the coke beds and placing in commission one of the coke beds which had never been used on account of leakage in distributing pipes, which made the attendant's house uninhabitable.

The repair of fence surrounding beds has been made so as to keep cattle and horses from standing on and traveling over same, which was very injurious. The material for a hog proof fence is now being placed, and hogs which have materially injured the levees by rooting around the edges of same in the beds, will be kept out. The part of the land not occupied by the beds has been trespassed upon by wood choppers, but this has been stopped. The part of the land lying between the beds and railroad has been cleared of brush and trash and now has the appearance of a park.

A detritus or settling tank will improve the efficiency of the filter beds at least 50 per cent and would reduce the necessary cost of cleaning the coke strainers and sand beds in like proportion. While the first cost would be considerable, a part of a system of tanks could be put in from time to time, making necessary appropriations for tanks of about \$1,000.00 per annum. The Pumping Station is now doing about twelve hours' service daily, and sends to the filter beds 1,500,000 gallons of sewerage per day. Electric lights have been placed throughout the plant; a filter box has been put in to filter the water from the condensor; also an oil filter to filter the washings and waste oil has been installed, making it possible to use for lubricating purposes oil that has heretofore been thrown away. A new shell roof has been put on the boiler house. Water for washing sanitary barrels is taken from the top of the centrifugal pump without cost.

The force main running from Pumping Station to filter beds will require considerable attention within the next few months. The frame supports carrying the main across gullies are showing much de-

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JAMES APPLEBY,

CHAIRMAN FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor of the City of Houston:

DEAR SIR: I herewith hand you the annual reports of the departments, over which I have the honor of presiding as chairman.

The personnel of our Fire Department is fully up to the requirements. As the city is growing rapidly, and extending, it will be necessary in the near future to increase this department.

At present the tax on our stock is quite severe. We have only one truck (hook and ladder), and need two in order to meet all emergencies.

We should have at least one extra team of horses, as it is invariably the case that one or two are sick or lame and unfit for the hard service required of them. On January 1st last we had sufficient teams for our apparatus only. Since that date one died, and at present there are three laid up lame and can not be used. The department will require four new teams of horses to carry it through the ensuing year.

We will probably require from 3,000 to 4,000 feet of new hose to carry us the next twelve months, as none has been purchased for more than two years.

All buildings are in fairly good condition, excepting Engine House 9, which needs a general overhauling.

To meet all the requirements of operating and maintaining this department for the coming year, I would recommend an appropriation of \$72,000.00.

The report of the Police Department covers most all items of interest in the way of expenditures for maintaining and operating, together with statistics; from the roster, will be found the names of sixty-two men, which go to make up the working force.

I have no recommendations to make in connection with the department, other than the few necessary repairs requested in the Chief's report.

It will require, to maintain and operate the Police Department for the ensuing year, \$70,000.00, which includes all special detail of officers furnished corporations and individuals for their private use.

The report from the Electrical Department is quite complete.

I would recommend that the question of increasing our fire alarm boxes be given some consideration, as the limited number now in use does not fill all requirements; a few new boxes put in each year will soon remedy the deficiency and not burden the city with too much additional outlay. I also recommend that the glass door box for holding the key be put on all fire alarm boxes, the cost of same is nominal. The city has already purchased one thousand keys, while there is only ninety-six alarm boxes in use. The advantages of the key holder is, that the key is always in the box and ready for use; as in the past, particularly in the resident portion of town, it is a difficult matter to locate keys when placed at residences—the people may be away or have moved to some other locality.

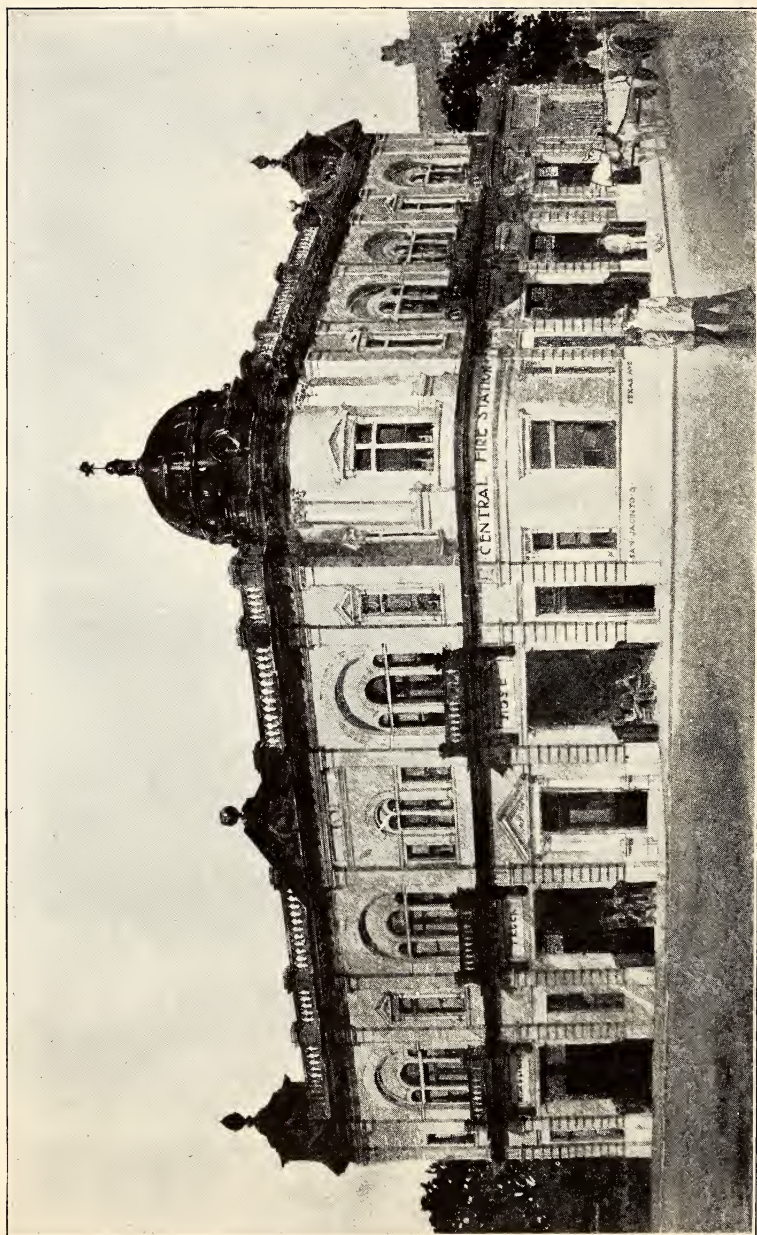
For the maintenance and operation of the Electrical Department for the next twelve months, I would recommend an appropriation of \$4,300.00.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES APPLEBY,

Chairman Fire and Police Committee.





CENTRAL FIRE STATION

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

J. B. MARMION,

CHAIRMAN STREETS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC
GROUNDS COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor of the City of Houston:

DEAR SIR: Complying with your request, I have the honor to submit to you the reports and statements of the different departments coming under my supervision, beginning July the 5th, 1905, and ending February 28th, 1906.

I also enclose a few remarks for your consideration.

The statements are marked as follows:

- Exhibit A. Sweeping and cleaning of streets.
- Exhibit B. Bridges and repairs of bridges.
- Exhibit C. Ditching.
- Exhibit D. Grading and cleaning.
- Exhibit E. Flushing.
- Exhibit F. Paving.
- Exhibit G. City prisoners' work.
- Exhibit H. Material on hand.

My report embraces in detail a review of the work accomplished during the time I have had charge. There was no record of work kept by my predecessor, therefore it is impossible for me to report any. My report in that respect will only be in regard to expenditures and investments. After being sworn in as Commissioner, and being placed in charge of streets, bridges and public parks, by your Honor, the first thing I did was to make an inspection of everything which would come under my supervision and familiarized myself with all departments which would come under my care. The first thing to strike me as being a public as well as a sanitary necessity was the cleaning of the streets. Knowing that Dallas was using revolving brooms for cleaning her streets, I took a trip to Dallas. I was so well pleased with her conditions, that on returning home and reporting the condition of Dallas to your Honor and the Commissioners, and stating the benefits that I thought Houston would derive from clean streets, with wise judgment you had me order three sweepers and six

sprinklers, which cost the city the sum of two thousand, seven hundred and sixty-one dollars and four cents (\$2,761.04); four push or pick-up carts were also ordered at a cost of ninety-seven dollars (\$97.00), giving the city, with the three already in use, ample facilities for keeping the streets clean. We are now sweeping and cleaning on an average of 120 to 130 blocks every night, weather permitting, covering an area of 160,000 to 190,000 square feet every night at a cost of \$67.50 or \$70.00, bringing it down to about 52 cents to 58 cents a block.

When we first started to sweep, it cost us from 90 cents to \$1.20 a block. I believe we will still lower the cost of cleaning the streets.

I wish to say that some of the gravel streets of the city are in bad condition and should be attended to as soon as possible. We have approximately 567,244 square yards of gravel streets in the city; about 72,924 need resurfacing, or about 20 per cent or one-fifth of the entire streets. It is estimated that 300 cubic yards of gravel will resurface 2,700 square yards or 1,350 lineal feet, putting from three to four inches of gravel on a 16 or 18-foot roadway. The average gravel street being that width, I estimate that it will take about 6,077 cubic yards to resurface the following streets at a cost of \$2.00 per cubic yard put on the street, or about \$12,154.00:

Louisiana Street should be resurfaced as soon as possible by all means, as it is one of the most important streets in the city and is in an almost impassable condition. I estimate that it will take about 360 cubic yards to resurface this street.

The following streets are in need of repairs, and the estimates given below opposite the names should be sufficient to make all needed repairs:

	Cubic Yards.
McGowen.....	313
Rusk.....	869
Caroline.....	413
German.....	329
Buffalo.....	333
Washington.....	404
Hogan.....	242
Lorraine.....	352
Waverly.....	341
Clark.....	300
Harrisburg Road.....	1,786
Total.....	5,045
Other streets.....	1,032—6,077

I would recommend that the city buy this year 6,077 cubic yards of gravel, about 320 cars. This would repair every paved street in the city. I would recommend that it be placed at the rate of twenty-five cars a month, or 500 cubic yards, as we could do our own graveling without the expense of giving it to contractors.

The streets are continually being torn up by the different corporations and firms laying sewer, gas, water, etc., and other pipe, and we have had some trouble making some of them put the streets back in good condition, but after arresting several we have not had so much trouble with them. The direct cause of Louisiana and McGowen conditions is the laying of the sewers on those streets, but the city has not accepted either of them and before she does they will have to be placed in condition. The inclement weather has had a great deal to do with the condition of the streets during the winter and I thought it not advisable to ask the Commission to repair the different streets during bad weather, but with good weather coming on I think the streets should be attended to. The condition of some of our asphalt and brick streets need attention, and I understand that with your wise judgment you have decided to recommend that the asphalt streets in the city proper, where hacks and vehicles stand are to be taken up and replaced with brick a distance of ten feet from the curb. Also that you will recommend that Liberty from the railroad to McKee Street be resurfaced with brick. Also McKee from Liberty Avenue to McKee Street bridge and Gable from McKee Street bridge to intersection of G. H. & H. track, two necessary improvements that have been needed for some time. I also understand that your Honor will recommend that Main Street be repaved from McKinney to McGowen, also Milam Street, needed improvements that should have been done years ago. After eight months of experience and noting the conditions that have existed in the past, especially noting the condition of the brick pavement on McKee and Conti Streets, which was put down during your former administration, nearly ten years ago, and which are as good today as ever from indications, I would recommend that brick be laid on streets where traffic is anywhere heavy instead of asphalt, as asphalt has not shown that it will stand the traffic. Asphalt will do for some streets. I think that we are past the experimenting age.

I would recommend that the city purchase a machine known as the "Scarifier," which is used in the loosening up of gravel streets, when being repaired, making the gravel bind much better than any other method that I know of.

The city has decided to dispose of its stock in my department, a wise move in my judgment, as the keeping of stock and the repairs of wagons and implements is an unnecessary expense at certain times that we could do without.

On July 24th the Commission decided to abolish the eight-hour law and work the city employes ten hours. By doing so, the following table shows the extra hours worked by men, and hired teams, and the benefits derived by the city therefrom, in the Street and Bridge Department:

	Hours.	Amount.
Men.....	25,359	\$5,286.01
Teams (hired).....	2,518	1,007.20
Total benefits accrued by city....		\$6,293.21

After going over past records and judging by what I believe we will need the coming year, I would recommend that the Street and Bridge budget be placed at \$60,000.00; Park budget \$5,500.00.

Thanking you and the Commissioners for the assistance you have given my department, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

J. B. MARMION,

Chairman Streets, Bridges and Public Grounds Committee.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF

TOM BRINGHURST

CITY CONTROLLER

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1906.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Houston:

Pursuant to the Charter requirement, I herewith submit my annual report for the fiscal year ended February 28th, 1906, consisting of the following exhibits and schedules, to-wit:

EXHIBIT—

“A”—Comparative General Balance Sheet—Feb. 28, 1906 and 1905.

Schedule—

- No. 1. Bills for Collection.
- No. 2. Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.
- No. 3. Property and Improvements.
- No. 4. Warrants Outstanding.
- No. 5. Audited Vouchers.
- No. 6. Special Deposits Repayable.
- No. 7. Miscellaneous Current Liabilities.
- No. 8. Bonded Debt.

“B”—Revenue and Expense for the years ended Feb. 28, 1906, and 1905.

Schedule—

- No. 1. Revenues, Classified and Compared.
- No. 2. Expenses, Classified and Compared.

“C”—Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the 14 months ended Feb. 28, 1906.

“D”—Department Expenses for the 14 months ended Feb. 28, 1906, and Budget Allowances for the Calendar Year 1905.

The foregoing statements are adjusted to the requirements of the new Charter, changing the fiscal year to end with the last day of February instead of the last day of December, as formerly.

The total revenues for the months of January and February, 1905, not hitherto embraced in any annual report, nor in this (though set forth in detail in my regular monthly reports to the Council), amount to \$30,232.72.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

TOM BRINGHURST,
City Controller.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Comparative General Balance Sheet February 28,
1906 and 1905.

		ASSETS.		
AVAILABLE:		February 28, 1906.	February 28, 1905.	Increase *Decrease
Cash—				
In hands of City Treasurer:				
General fund.....	\$ 19,039.21	\$ 566.64	\$ 18,472.57	
Paving fund.....	3,809.76	47,627.54	*	43,817.78
Fire Alarm System fund.....		348.46	*	348.46
Bond fund.....	33,100.39	105,758.90	*	72,658.51
School fund.....	500.49	1,617.45	*	1,116.96
School Building fund.....		4,136.10	*	4,136.10
Special deposits.....	3,772.30	779.90		2,992.40
Total Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 60,222.15	\$ 160,834.99	*\$ 100,612.84	
In other hands:				
Board of Liquidation.....	\$ 83,716.30	\$ 106,103.10	*	22,386.80
City Assessor and Collector...	11,195.31	20,210.96	*	9,015.65
Police department.....	39.10	95.05	*	55.95
Scavenger Department.....	51.00	4.00		47.00
Electrical Department.....	40.60	8.25		32.35
Market Master.....	287.70	242.75		44.95
Total.....	\$ 95,330.01	\$ 126,664.11	*\$ 31,334.10	
Working funds:				
City Attorney.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$.....	
Delinquent Tax Department.	25.00			25.00
Assessor and Collector.....	650.00	650.00		
Police Department.....	50.00			50.00
Total.....	\$ 750.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 75.00	
Total Cash in other hands...	\$ 96,080.01	\$ 127,339.11	*\$ 31,259.10	
Total cash.....	\$ 156,302.16	\$ 288,174.10	*\$ 131,871.94	
Accounts Receivable—				
Taxes in hands of Assessor and Collector.....	\$ 469,635.25	\$ 513,299.03	*\$ 43,663.78	
Other Items in hands of Asses- sor and Collector.....	149.25	319.50	*	170.25
Bills for collection—Sched.No 1.	10,844.13	7,848.87		2,995.26
Scavenger Department.....	3,137.20	2,922.45		214.75
Miscellaneous—Schedule No. 2..	6,000.00	6,305.00	*	305.00
Total Accounts Receivable..	\$ 489,765.83	\$ 530,694.85	*\$ 40,929.02	
Total Available Assets...	\$ 646,067.99	\$ 818,868.95	*\$ 172,800.96	
CONTINGENT:				
Jno. S. Stewart.....	\$ 4,039.37	\$ 4,039.37		
Shortage and discrepancies....	24,124.01	24,124.01		
Total Contingent Assets.....	\$ 28,163.38	\$ 28,163.38		
NOT AVAILABLE:				
Property and Improvements—				
Schedule No. 3.....	\$4,436,911.34	\$4,307,621.01	\$ 129,290.33	
Total Assets.....	\$5,111,142.71	\$5,154,653.34	*\$ 43,510.63	

*Decrease.

EXHIBIT "A"

(Continued)—1.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Comparative General Balance Sheet—Continued.

	LIABILITIES.		
	February 28, 1906.	February 28, 1905.	Increase. *Decrease
Current:			
Warrants outstanding—Schedule No. 4.....\$	831.15	\$ 9,853.56	*\$ 9,022.41
Audited vouchers—Sched. No. 5..	30,066.94	31,129.91	* 1,062.97
Bills payable.....		73,369.35	* 73,369.35
Interest accrued on bond debt....	38,564.82	38,540.82	24.00
Special deposits—Schedule No. 6..	3,782.30	654.90	3,127.40
Miscellaneous—Schedule No. 7....	1,385.68	15,333.96	* 13,948.28
Total Current Liabilities.....\$	74,630.89	\$ 168,882.50	*\$ 94,251.61
Deferred:			
Bills payable.....		\$ 48,470.87	* 48,470.87
Total Current and Deferred Liabilities.....\$	74,630.89	\$ 217,353.37	* 142,722.48
Contingent:			
Houston Water Co.....\$	70,339.64	\$ 62,009.56	\$ 8,330.08
Bonded Debt—Schedule No. 8.....\$	3,499,000.00	\$3,499,000.00	
Certificates of Indebtedness(Storrie).\$	54,900.00	\$ 83,600.00	*\$ 28,700.00
Refund Paving Certificates.....\$	347,517.04	\$ 408,239.70	*\$ 60,722.66
Excess of Assets over Liabilities....\$	1,064,755.14	\$ 884,450.71	\$ 180,304.43
Total Liabilities.....\$	5,111,142.71	\$5,154,653.34	*\$ 43,510.63

* Decrease.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Bills for Collection.

Dec. 31, 1902	Harris Conuty.....	2	\$ 82.00
Dec. 31, 1902	Southwestern Tel. and Tel. Co.....	3	3.00
April 17, 1903	Harris County.....	31	829.25
Aug. 7, 1903	Texas & New Orleans Ry.....	70	7.50
Sept. 18, 1903	W. E. Carter.....	78	22.00
Sept. 30, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	84	28.33
Nov. 16, 1903	Consumers' Gas and Fuel Company....	93	1,400.00
Nov. 20, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	95	281.25
Feb. 13, 1904	Houston Electric Company.....	129	1,936.80
July 20, 1904	Houston Electric Company.....	160	40.00
Aug. 31, 1904	S. J. Beene.....	166	26.00
Oct. 6, 1904	County of Harris.....	173	3,102.58
May 31, 1904	E. R. Scott.....	218	5.00
July 31, 1904	E. R. Scott.....	226	5.00
Aug. 31, 1904	Houston Cavalry Company.....	230	30.00
Aug. 31, 1904	E. R. Scott.....	234	5.00
Dec. 1, 1905	Houston East & West Texas Ry.....	261	8.25
Jan. 31, 1906	Houston Electric Company.....	276	28.33
Jan. 31, 1906	Citizens Telephone Company.....	278	5.50
Jan. 31, 1906	Houston Electric Company.....	280	2,085.39
Feb. 20, 1906	Houston Electric Company.....	286	882.45
Feb. 26, 1906	G. H. & S. A. Ry.....	288	1.50
Feb. 28, 1906	Boone Groce.....	289	19.50
Feb. 28, 1906	J. B. Marmion.....	290	9.50
Total.....			<u>\$10,844.13</u>

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

**Miscellaneous Current Assets, Accounts Receivable,
February 28, 1906.**

Philadelphia Underwriters Fire Insurance Company.....	\$2,500.00
Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company.....	1,000.00
Virginia State Fire Insurance Company.....	2,500.00

Total.....	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
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(Policies on destroyed Market House.)

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Property and Improvements February 28, 1906, and January 1, 1905.

	February 28 1906.	January 1, 1905.	Increase
City Hall and Market House.....	\$ 642,022.20	\$ 642,022.20	.....
Police Department:			
City Jail.....	\$ 52,099.00	\$ 52,099.00	.....
Fire Department:			
New Central Fire Station.....	\$ 64,093.45	\$ 64,093.45	\$
Old Central Fire Station.....	23,078.75	23,078.75	.....
Fire Station No. 1.....	7,648.50	7,648.50	.....
Fire Station No. 5.....	13,528.50	13,528.50	.....
Fire Station No. 6.....	10,481.13	10,481.13	.....
Fire Station No. 7.....	13,170.50	13,170.50	.....
Fire Station No. 8.....	14,425.00	14,425.00	.....
Fire Station No. 9.....	10,768.50	10,768.50	.....
Fire Station No. 10.....	15,124.00	15,124.00	.....
First Ward Engine House.....	7,304.92	.....	7,304.92
Total.....	\$ 179,623.25	\$ 172,318.33	\$ 7,304.92
Health Department:			
Crematory.....	\$ 17,168.00	\$ 17,168.00	.....
Smallpox Camp.....	375.00	375.00	.....
Total.....	\$ 17,543.00	\$ 17,543.00	.....
Scavenger Department.....	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	.....
Electrical Department:			
Fire Alarm Telegraph.....	\$ 13,928.70	\$ 13,017.20	\$ 911.50
Street and Bridges Department.....	\$ 4,682.90	\$ 4,682.90	.....
City Stables.....	\$ 2,686.43	\$ 2,686.43	.....
Garbage Department.....	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 3,360.00	.....
Sanitary Sewer System:			
Pumping Station.....	\$ 70,876.29	\$ 70,876.29	.....
Filter Beds.....	111,761.76	111,761.76	.....
Intercepting Sewers.....	137,053.98	137,053.98	.....
Total.....	\$ 319,692.03	\$ 319,692.03	.....
Schools:			
High School (white).....	\$ 160,500.00	\$ 160,507.00	\$
Rusk School (white).....	25,400.00	25,400.00	.....
Longfellow School (white).....	17,500.00	17,500.00	.....
Fannin School (white).....	67,500.00	67,500.00	.....
Taylor School (white).....	22,587.50	16,500.00	6,087.50
Dow School (white).....	20,583.00	20,583.00	.....
Hawthorne School (white).....	29,700.00	29,700.00	.....
Cascara School (white).....	39,800.00	39,800.00	.....
Jones School (white).....	34,926.00	34,926.00	.....
Austin School (white).....	26,898.75	23,800.00	3,098.75
Site—Washington Street.....	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
Breckenridge School.....	5,112.05	.....	5,112.05
Beauchamp Springs School.....	470.00	.....	470.00
Schools (forward).....	\$ 455,977.30	\$ 436,209.00	\$ 19,768.30
Forward.....	\$1,239,037.51	\$1,230,821.09	\$ 8,216.42

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Property and Improvements, Etc.—Continued.

	February 28, 1906.	January 1, 1905.	Increase.
Forward.....	\$1,239,037.51	\$1,230,821.09	\$ 8,216.42
Schools (forward).....	\$ 455,977.30	\$ 436,209.00	\$ 19,768.30
High School (colored).....	\$ 32,450.00	\$ 32,450.00	.....
First Ward School (colored).....	3,800.00	3,800.00	.....
Langston School (colored).....	10,580.00	10,580.00	.....
Douglass School (colored).....	11,500.00	11,500.00	.....
Fifth Ward School (colored).....	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....
Sixth Ward School (colored).....	3,700.00	3,700.00	.....
Fourth Ward School (colored).....	11,690.00	11,690.00	.....
Additions to School Buildings....	9,700.95	9,700.95	.....
Total Schools.....	\$ 544,398.25	\$ 524,629.95	\$ 19,768.30
Sam Houston Park.....	\$ 36,511.65	\$ 36,511.65	.....
Bridges.....	\$ 61,850.00	61,850.00	.....
Streets (subsequent to Jan. 1, 1899):			
Opening and widening.....	\$ 26,738.71	\$ 22,513.71	\$ 4,225.00
Paving.....	758,459.70	673,546.81	84,912.89
Total.....	\$ 785,198.41	\$ 696,060.52	\$ 89,137.89
Sewers (subsequent to Jan. 1, 1899)..	\$ 101,449.74	\$ 73,765.70	\$ 27,684.04
Carnegie Library Building.....	\$ 8,619.62	\$ 8,619.62	.....
Undistributed—Prior to Jan. 1, 1899.	\$1,659,846.16	\$1,659,846.16	.....
Total Property and Improve- ments.....	\$4,436,911.34	\$4,292,104.69	\$ 144,806.65
Note—Increase in January and Feb- ruary, 1905.....	.....	\$ 15,516.32	.....

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

List of Warrants Outstanding February 28, 1906.

Nov. 17, 1904	Southwestern Tel. and Tel. Co.—School	178	\$ 18.00
Feb. 12, 1906	Frank & Bammel.....	482	26.50
Oct. 17, 1902	F. F. Chew.....	17344	100.00
Dec. 19, 1904	H. C. Cain.....	2328	16.25
July 3, 1905	W. D. Cleveland.....	2746	500.00
Feb. 13, 1906	Reynolds Fisher.....	3604	75.50
Feb. 13, 1906	Hurlburt-Still Electrical Company....	3605	1.30
Feb. 13, 1906	Schossers Steam Bakery.....	3608	1.55
Feb. 13, 1906	P. Whitty.....	3629	1.20
Feb. 13, 1906	Traweck & Kerr.....	3637	22.00
Feb. 13, 1906	Leon Bichan.....	3641	1.85
Feb. 17, 1906	Hurlburt-Still Electrical Company....	3662	48.95
Feb. 17, 1906	Jas. P. Welsh.....	3663	.20
Feb. 23, 1906	George Ellis, Chief of Police.....	3665	17.85
Total.....			\$ 831.15

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No.		
8784.	Standard Printing and Lithograph Co.—1 book.....	\$ 2.50
8785.	Stewart Abstract Co.—Balance contract.....	3,500.00
8786.	Radoff Bros., brooms and mop.....	1.10
8787.	Houston Toilet and Towel Supply, clean towels Jan..	1.75
8788.	Texas Lamp & Oil Co., oil.....	.65
8789.	Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Library, Feb.-April...	333.33
8790.	T. H. Stone, account contract.....	333.33
8791.	B. B. Jones, services on tax suits.....	200.00
8792.	Texas Deutsche Zeitung.....	12.60
8793.	M. C. Lyons, oil.....	2.10
8794.	Houston Co-Operative Mfg. Co., desk, etc.....	18.50
8795.	Houston Toilet and Towel Supply Co., clean towels Jan.	1.00
8796.	W. H. Coyle & Co., sundries.....	5.75
8797.	W. H. Coyle & Co., sundries.....	12.50
8798.	Houston Toilet and Towel Supply Co., clean towels....	1.00
8799.	W. H. Coyle & Co., stationery.....	3.00
8800.	Spencer Drug Co., drugs and chemicals.....	65.70
8801.	St. Joseph's Infirmary, care of sick.....	164.40
8802.	Fred J. Burkey, veterinary services.....	17.00
8803.	G. C. Street, milk for animals.....	1.40
8804.	W. H. Irvin, feed for animals.....	15.75
8805.	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co., 1 keg nails.....	2.50
8806.	Lone Star Market, meat for animals.....	11.20
8897.	Schossor's Steam Bakery, bread for animals.....	1.40
8808.	Southwestern Oil Co., oil.....	1.25
8809.	J. L. Mitchell, winding tower clock.....	10.00
8810.	Wm. Miller, refund special detail paid—not furnished	2.50
8811.	Fire Department, pay roll month of February.....	4,567.30
8812.	Police, pay roll month of February.....	5,049.30
8813.	Breckenridge School Watchman, February.....	100.00
8814.	Scavenger, pay roll week ending March 1.....	114.25
8815.	Sewer, pay roll week ending March 1.....	110.00
8816.	Park, pay roll week ending March 1.....	26.00
8817.	Garbage, pay roll week ending March 1.....	270.17
8818.	Bridge, pay roll week ending March 1.....	662.53
8819.	Street and Bridge, pay roll ending March 1.....	303.73
8820.	Street and Bridge, pay roll ending March 1.....	531.07
8821.	Chain Gang, pay roll, month of February.....	205.00
8822.	Warrell Manufacturing Co., Sedalia, poison.....	32.30
8823.	Gus W. Tips, pad.....	.50
8824.	South Texas Grain Co., feed.....	26.20
8825.	J. N. McIver, hay.....	18.00
8826.	Mosehart & Keller Co., shoes.....	2.50
8827.	F. J. Burkey, veterinary services.....	3.00
8828.	T. C. Vanliew, repairs.....	15.50
	Forward.....	\$ 16,759.56

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No.	Forward.....	\$ 16,759.56
8829.	Houston Chronicle, advertising.....	\$ 4.15
8830.	W. H. Coyle & Co., stationery.....	4.50
8831.	Bering Manufacturing Co, lumber.....	6.27
8832.	Jesse H. Jones & Co., lumber.....	26.75
8833.	South Texas Grain Co, feed.....	258.25
8834.	A. Stelzig, belts.....	15.00
8835.	Peden Iron and Steel Co., sundries.....	7.18
8836.	Jno. McClellan & Co., pitcher.....	.50
8837.	Houston Gas Co., gas.....	6.63
8838.	G. A. Shifer, shoes.....	11.75
8839.	Houson Toilet and Supply Co., clean towels Jan.....	1.00
8840.	Central Lumber Co., lumber.....	45.05
8841.	Jas. Bute, sundries.....	31.75
8842.	Dave McNally, shoeing.....	3.00
8843.	S. J. Westheimer, hauling pile driver.....	20.00
8844.	Texas Lamp and Oil Co., oil.....	3.65
8845.	Burton Lumber Co., lumber.....	11.20
8846.	Hartman & Morrison.....	13.75
8847.	Wirt & Knox Manufacturing Co., street cans.....	85.26
8848.	South Texas Grain Co., feed.....	12.15
8849.	Jos. F. Meyer Co., sundries.....	15.30
8850.	W. L. Macatee & Sons, sundries.....	7.50
8851.	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	25.80
8852.	Dickson Car Wheel Co., repairs.....	1.88
8853.	Peden Iron and Steel Co., sundries.....	95.88
8854.	J. B. Marmion, horse.....	18.00
8855.	Collins Bros., repairs sewer pipe.....	19.50
8856.	A. T. Lucas, coal.....	119.00
8857.	Houston Co-Operative Mfg. Co., 1,000 stakes.....	16.00
8858.	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co., pick handles.....	.75
8859.	Houston Toilet and Towel Co., clean towels Jan.....	.50
8860.	Stewart & Masterson, sundries.....	23.75
8861.	W. L. Macatee & Sons, cement.....	4.50
8862.	Houston Light and Power Co., electric lights.....	1.15
8863.	Henke & Pilot, sundries.....	1.80
8864.	Union Iron Works, sundries, oil filter.....	22.50
8865.	Bonner Oil Co., oil.....	56.95
8866.	Duncan-Hobson Electric Co., electric fixtures.....	36.92
8867.	Peden Iron and Steel Co., sundries.....	66.65
8868.	Houston Water Company, water.....	4.45
8869.	Houston Lighting and Power Co., electric lights.....	3,685.05
8870.	Standard Printing and Lithograph Co., stationery.....	8.10
8871.	P. Whitty, paper.....	1.20
8872.	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co., sundries.....	10.30
8873.	Houston Lighting and Power Co., electric lights.....	37.90
Forward.....		\$21,608.68

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No.	Forward.....	\$21,608.68
8738.	Miscellaneous, pay roll month of February.....	\$ 2,340.83
8739.	Scavenger, pay roll month of February.....	305.00
8740.	Garbage, pay roll month of February.....	140.00
8741.	Street and Bridge, pay roll month of February.....	451.66
8742.	Street and Bridge, pay roll month of February.....	167.50
8743.	Electrical, pay roll month of February.....	316.50
8744.	Stable, pay roll month of February.....	127.50
8745.	Health, pay roll, month of February.....	495.83
8746.	Assessor and Collector, pay roll month of February...	1,057.88
8747.	Legal, pay roll month of February.....	643.33
8748.	Engineer's pay roll, month of February.....	645.00
8749.	Sewer, pay roll month of February.....	455.00
8750.	B. W. Armstrong, car fuel oil.....	154.31
8780.	Street and Bridge, pay roll month of February.....	145.00
8781.	South Texas Grain Co., feed.....	77.40
8782.	Lilienthal Bros., feed.....	70.01
8783.	Henke & Pillot, June, 1905, to Nov., 1905, old bills..	23.60
8874.	Mrs. W. H. Smith, feed of prisoners.....	402.09
8875.	Central Lumber Co., lumber.....	229.07
8876.	Houston Toilet and Towel Supply Co., clean towels Feb	2.25
8877.	A. T. Lucas, coal.....	150.00
8878.	A. T. Lucas, coal.....	44.00
8879.	Houston Gas Co., gas.....	14.50
Total.....		<u>\$30,066.94</u>

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Special Deposits, Payable, February 28, 1906.

Keithly, Hodge & Co.....	4	\$	192.50
Modern Plumbing Co.....	6		220.00
J. W. Thiel.....	8		150.00
T. J. Atwood.....	10		25.00
Lead Pipe Plumbing Co.....	15		50.00
J. H. Suttles.....	18		20.00
Geo. Robischung.....	19		115.00
F. C. Van Liew.....	21		95.00
Western Union Telegraph Co.....	22		200.00
Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co.....	23		1,262.50
Houston Gas Co.....	24		500.00
F. Rentzel.....	26		25.00
John Brooks.....	27		45.00
Frank & Bammel.....	29		50.00
F. J. Sargent.....	32		50.00
Wm. Humphreyville.....	34		150.00
Rice Hotel.....	35		74.80
Otto Gerstman.....	40		55.00
C. H. Condon & Co.....	41		80.00
Pete Wilson.....	48		85.00
Collins Bros.....	52		207.50
Waters-Pierce Oil Co.....	57		20.00
W. Waldo.....	58		75.00
H. H. Yorty.....	59		10.00
H. D. Taylor & Sons.....	60		25.00
Total.....		\$	3,782.30

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Miscellaneous Current Liabilities,
February 28, 1906.

Alexander Potter, balance on contract.....	\$ 1,238.56
Firemen Supplies, Helmet fund.....	7.45
Unclaimed wages.....	139.67
Total.....	<u>\$ 1,385.68</u>

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Bonded Debt, February 28, 1906.

Date Issued.		Rate.	Amount.
July 1, 1876	30-year Consolidated bonds.....	6%	\$ 14,000.00
Jan. 1, 1882	30-year Funding bonds.....	6%	524,000.00
July 1, 1888	30-year Compromise bonds.....	6%	500,000.00
July 1, 1888	30-year Compromise bonds.....	5%	503,000.00
May 1, 1894	30-year Public School Building bonds	6%	100,000.00
May 1, 1896	40-year Bridge Building bonds.....	5%	39,000.00
Jan. 1, 1897	40-year Market House Funding bonds	5%	109,000.00
July 1, 1897	40-year Paving and Sewer bonds.....	5%	250,000.00
Dec. 1, 1897	40-year School Building bonds.....	5%	50,000.00
Jan. 1, 1898	25-year School Building Refunding bonds.....	5%	60,000.00
July 1, 1898	40-year Paving, Sewer and Perma- nent Improvement bonds.....	5%	100,000.00
Jan. 2, 1899	40-year Paving and Sewer bonds.....	5%	100,000.00
Nov. 15, 1899	40-year Sewerage and Sanitary Sys- tem bonds.....	5%	300,000.00
Aug. 1, 1901	40-year Paving bonds.....	5%	240,000.00
Aug. 1, 1901	40-year Sewer bonds.....	5%	60,000.00
Aug. 1, 1901	40-year School Building bonds.....	5%	50,000.00
Aug. 15, 1903	40-year Market, Engine and School House bonds.....	5%	100,000.00
Oct. 1, 1903	40-year Paving bonds.....	5%	300,000.00
Oct. 1, 1904	40-year Improvement bonds.....	5%	100,000.00
Total.....			<u>\$3,499,000.00</u>

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Statement of Revenue and Expense for the Years
Ended February 28, 1906 and 1905

	1906.	1905.
Revenue—		
Schedule 1, Exhibit "B".....	\$968,581.10	\$872,867.60
Expense—		
Ordinary—Schedule No. 2.....	\$801,175.31	\$784,074.39
Extraordinary—Schedule No. 2.....	25,009.75	43,511.17
Total Expense.....	\$826,185.06	\$827,585.56
Excess of Revenue over Expense.....	<u>\$142,396.04</u>	<u>\$ 45,282.04</u>

EXHIBIT "B."

CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Revenue, Classified and Compared, for the Fiscal Years Ended
February 28, 1906 and 1905.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
Law Department—			
City Attorney's office.....	\$ 506.31	\$ 215.94	\$ 290.37
Finance Department—			
City Assessor and Collector:			
Interest.....	\$ 8,397.62	\$ 3,961.35	\$ 4,436.27
Advertising and costs.....	3,815.95	2,876.45	939.50
Total Finance Department.....	\$ 12,213.57	\$ 6,837.80	\$ 5,375.77
Total General Government.....	\$ 12,719.88	\$ 7,053.74	\$ 5,666.14
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department—			
Special details and appointments.....	\$ 3,797.00	\$ 3,657.00	\$ 140.00
Pound fees.....	3,302.65	2,593.70	708.95
Dog licenses.....	524.00	550.00	* 26.00
Total.....	\$ 7,623.65	\$ 6,800.70	\$ 822.95
Corporation Court—			
Fines and costs.....	\$ 12,835.00	\$ 9,559.15	\$ 3,275.85
Scavenger Department.....	\$ 17,551.50	\$ 15,221.00	\$ 2,330.50
Boiler Inspector—			
Inspection fees.....	\$ 533.75	\$ 957.50	*\$ 423.75
Engineer's examination fees.....	303.00	459.00	* 156.00
Total.....	\$ 836.75	\$ 1,416.50	*\$ 579.75
Electrical Department.....	\$ 2,864.75	\$ 2,475.95	\$ 388.80
Total Public Safety.....	\$ 41,711.65	\$ 35,473.30	\$ 6,238.35
Revenue (forward).....	\$ 54,431.53	\$ 42,527.04	\$11,904.49

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Revenue, Classified and Compared, Etc.—Continued.

	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
Revenue (Forward).....	\$ 54,431.53	\$ 42,527.04	\$11,904.49
PUBLIC WORKS:			
City Engineer—			
Survey fees.....	\$ 793.25	\$ 802.00	*\$ 8.75
Building permits.....	1,857.50	1,692.00	165.50
Plumbing and sewer inspection fees....	1,343.00	674.00	669.00
Other.....	491.20	262.80	228.40
Total Public Works.....	\$ 4,484.95	\$ 3,430.80	\$ 1,054.15
PUBLIC INDUSTRIES:			
Markets.....	\$ 17,526.55	\$ 18,106.05	*\$ 579.50
PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ART:			
Schools.....	\$ 67,029.21	\$ 63,639.55	\$ 3,389.66
Sam Houston Park.....	90.00	158.65	* 68.65
Total Public Education, Recre- ation and Art.....	\$ 67,119.21	\$ 63,798.20	\$ 3,321.01
TAXATION:			
Ad valorem tax.....	\$742,820.00	\$686,565.68	\$56,254.32
Occupation Tax—			
Merchants.....	\$ 3,678.10	\$ 4,471.40	*\$ 793.30
Liquor.....	27,166.67	23,612.50	3,554.17
Beer.....	8,227.76	6,933.23	1,294.53
Other.....	3,892.50	2,925.62	966.88
Total.....	\$ 42,965.03	\$ 37,942.75	\$ 5,022.28
Poll Tax.....	\$ 5,062.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 1,112.00
Franchise tax.....	\$ 6,123.26	\$ 4,321.77	\$ 1,801.49
Total Taxation.....	\$796,970.29	\$732,780.20	\$64,190.09
PREMIUM ON BONDS.....		\$ 6,000.00	*\$ 6,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	\$ 28,048.57	\$ 6,225.31	\$21,823.26
Total Revenue.....	\$968,581.10	\$872,867.60	\$95,713.50

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Expenses, Classified and Compared, for the Fiscal Years Ended
February 28, 1906 and 1905.

ORDINARY EXPENSE—

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive—	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
Mayor's office:			
Salaries.....	\$ 3,999.96	\$ 3,888.85	\$ 111.11
Other.....	1.00	87.10	* 86.10
Total Executive.....	\$ 4,000.96	\$ 3,975.95	\$ 25.01

Legislative—

City Council:			
Salaries.....	\$ 8,352.88	\$ 5,693.04	\$ 2,659.84
Other.....		35.00	* 35.00
Total.....	\$ 8,352.88	\$ 5,728.04	\$ 2,624.84
City Secretary:.			
Salaries.....	\$ 2,267.49	\$ 3,114.84	*\$ 847.35
Stationery and printing.....	73.85	304.25	* 230.40
Other.....	65.75	137.35	* 71.60
Total.....	\$ 2,407.09	\$ 3,556.44	*\$ 1,149.35
Total Legislative.....	\$ 10,759.97	\$ 9,284.48	\$ 1,475.49

Law Department—

City Attorney:			
Salaries.....	\$ 7,579.95	\$ 7,786.55	*\$ 206.60
Court costs.....	860.42	2,310.33	* 1,449.91
Other.....	475.05	1,067.35	* 592.30
Total Law Department.....	\$ 8,915.42	\$ 11,164.23	*\$ 2,248.81

Finance Department—

City Controller's office:			
Salaries.....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Stationery and printing.....	268.80	302.35	* 33.55
Other.....	5.25	17.75	* 12.50
Total.....	\$ 3,274.05	\$ 3,320.10	*\$ 46.05
Treasurer's office:			
Salaries.....	\$ 1,924.26	\$ 2,697.70	*\$ 773.44
Stationery and printing.....	.50	2.70	* 2.20
Other.....	14.00	15.00	* 1.00
Total.....	\$ 1,938.76	\$ 2,715.40	* 776.64

Assessor and Collector's office:

Salaries.....	\$ 12,412.55	\$ 9,075.00	\$ 3,337.55
Advertising.....	995.83	863.78	132.05
Stationery and printing.....	649.05	499.08	149.97
Other.....	7,562.10	458.68	7,103.42
Total.....	\$ 21,619.53	\$ 10,896.54	\$ 10,722.99

Total Finance Department...	\$ 26,832.34	\$ 16,932.04	\$ 9,900.30
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General Government (Forward).....	\$ 50,508.69	\$ 41,356.70	\$ 9,151.99
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CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
ORDINARY EXPENSE (Continued.)			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Forward).....	\$ 50,508.69	\$ 41,356.70	\$ 9,151.99
Miscellaneous—			
City Hall:			
Repairs and renewals.....	\$ 168.90	\$ 280.95	*\$ 112.05
Salaries—operation.....	1,412.20	1,606.55	* 194.35
Other—Operation.....	1,001.80	573.31	428.49
Total.....	\$ 2,582.90	\$ 2,460.81	\$ 122.09
Board of Appraisement:			
Salaries.....		\$ 1,550.00	*\$ 1,550.00
Elections.....	\$ 1,791.39	\$ 1,780.21	\$ 11.18
Damages not Chargeable to Dep'ts:			
Injuries to individuals.....	\$ 1,662.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,642.00
Damages to property.....		7,460.28	* 7,460.28
Total.....	\$ 1,662.00	\$ 7,480.28	*\$ 5,818.28
Interest on bonded debt.....	\$186,330.00	\$182,662.74	\$ 3,667.26
Miscellaneous interest and exchange.....	\$ 11,680.66	\$ 14,266.26	*\$ 2,585.60
Miscellaneous:			
Salaries.....	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$
Other.....	19,415.92	26,859.89	* 7,443.97
Total.....	\$ 19,505.92	\$ 26,949.89	*\$ 7,443.97
Electric lights.....	\$ 41,653.06	\$ 39,614.59	\$ 2,038.47
Water.....	\$ 23,930.88	\$ 23,930.88	.....
Total Miscellaneous.....	\$289,136.81	\$300,695.66	* 11,558.85
Total General Government.....	\$339,645.50	\$342,052.36	*\$ 2,406.86
Ordinary Expense (Forward).....	\$339,645.50	\$342,052.36	*\$ 2,406.86

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Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
ORDINARY EXPENSE (Forward)	\$339,645.50	\$342,052.36	*\$ 2,406.86
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department—			
Salaries.....	\$ 62,022.75	\$ 58,876.48	\$ 3,146.27
Repairs and renewals, wagons and harness.....	21.60	.50	21.10
Live stock, replacement and keep...	347.54	257.88	89.66
Repairs and renewals—buildings...	166.15	143.40	22.75
Repairs and renewals—equipment...	141.00	252.40	* 111.40
Light and heat.....	362.60	410.45	* 47.85
Subsistence of prisoners.....	4,887.88	4,204.54	683.34
Stationery and printing.....	119.10	140.75	* 21.65
Other.....	813.50	471.95	341.65
Repairs and renewal—pound.....	13.65	.....	13.65
Other expenses—pound.....	550.75	354.86	195.89
Total.....	\$ 69,446.52	\$ 65,113.21	\$ 4,333.31
Corporation Court—			
Salaries.....	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 2,400.00	*\$ 180.00
Other.....	196.00	159.75	36.25
Total.....	\$ 2,416.00	\$ 2,559.75	*\$ 143.75
Fire Department—			
Salaries.....	\$ 54,631.34	\$ 54,233.77	\$ 397.57
Repairs and renewals—buildings...	888.43	44.13	844.30
Repairs and renewals—furniture and bedding.....	114.10	74.50	39.60
Repairs and renewals—equipment...	1,932.80	2,780.64	* 847.84
Live stock, replacement and keep...	4,983.16	5,529.73	* 546.57
Fuel for engines.....	1,232.25	1,156.19	76.06
Lubricants and other engine supplies.	194.64	254.76	* 60.12
Chemicals.....	75.52	130.80	* 55.28
Light and heat.....	812.77	751.40	61.37
Stationery and printing.....	55.25	33.50	21.75
Other.....	266.82	231.85	34.97
Total.....	\$ 65,187.08	\$ 65,221.27	* 34.19
PUBLIC SAFETY (Forward).....	\$137,049.60	\$132,894.23	\$ 4,155.37
ORDINARY EXPENSE (Forward).....	\$339,645.50	\$342,052.36	* 2,406.86

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
ORDINARY EXPENSE (Forward).....	\$339,645.50	\$342,052.36	*\$ 2,406.86
PUBLIC SAFETY (Forward).....	\$137,049.60	\$132,894.23	\$ 4,155.37
Health Department—			
Salaries, superintendence.....	\$ 3,699.96	\$ 3,472.18	\$ 227.78
Salaries, inspectors.....	2,873.29	4,057.35	* 1,184.06
Operation, pesthouse.....	4.00	763.60	* 759.60
Quarantine expense.....	1,085.85	18.00	1,067.85
Drugs, chemicals and appliances....	2,841.40	3,143.45	* 302.05
Stationery and printing.....	135.70	78.05	57.65
Other.....	102.79	40.35	62.44
Total.....	\$ 10,742.99	\$ 11,572.98	*\$ 829.99
Scavenger Department—			
Salaries and wages.....	\$ 11,254.84	\$ 11,268.28	*\$ 13.44
Repairs and renewals, equipment....	930.80	353.60	577.20
Live stock, replacement and keep...	2,008.67	2,646.33	* 637.66
Stationery and printing.....	183.00	122.70	60.30
Other.....	202.70	442.66	* 239.96
Total.....	\$ 14,580.01	\$ 14,833.57	*\$ 253.56
Boiler Inspector—			
Salaries.....	\$ 976.70	\$ 1,514.66	*\$ 537.96
Other.....	6.30	164.75	* 158.45
Total.....	\$ 983.00	\$ 1,679.41	*\$ 696.41
Electrical Department—			
Salaries, superintendence.....	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$.....
Salaries, inspectors.....	1,337.00	1,210.00	127.00
Repairs and renewals, F.A. Telegraph	1,313.42	1,155.75	157.67
Other.....	56.25	224.54	* 168.29
Total.....	\$ 4,206.67	\$ 4,090.29	\$ 116.38
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY.....	\$167,562.27	\$165,070.48	\$ 2,491.79
ORDINARY EXPENSES (Forward)....	\$507,207.77	\$507,122.84	\$ 84.93

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
ORDINARY EXPENSE (Forward)	\$507,207.77	\$507,122.84	\$ 84.93
PUBLIC WORKS:			
Board of Public Works	\$ 114.00	\$ 241.25	*\$ 127.25
City Engineer—			
Salaries	\$ 8,706.07	\$ 11,421.22	*\$ 2,715.15
Repairs and renewals, instruments	34.50	35.25	* .75
Stationery and printing	177.45	150.45	27.00
Other	146.50	285.30	* 138.80
Total	\$ 9,064.52	\$ 11,892.22	* 2,827.70
Street and Bridges Department—			
Salaries, superintendence	\$ 2,887.42	\$ 2,221.23	\$ 666.19
Repairs and renewals, buildings	130.80		130.80
Repairs and renewals, equipment	3,776.40	1,109.09	2,667.31
Repairs and renewals, bridges	31,101.57	7,246.80	23,854.77
Live stock, replacement and keep	2,677.35	3,066.03	* 388.68
Street cleaning	17,750.26	16,887.96	862.30
Street repairing	19,378.77	26,939.25	* 7,560.48
Other	2,919.58	2,825.20	94.38
Total	\$ 80,622.15	\$ 60,295.56	\$20,326.59
Garbage Department—			
Salaries and wages	\$ 11,782.20	\$ 12,168.72	*\$ 386.52
Repairs and renewals, equipment	244.05	316.00	* 71.95
Live stock, replacement and keep	1,526.68	2,982.51	* 1,455.83
Other	652.75	2,464.10	* 1,811.35
Total	\$ 14,205.68	\$ 17,931.33	*\$ 3,725.65
Sewer System—			
Sanitary sewer system, pumping station, operation	\$ 5,327.65	\$ 5,829.43	*\$ 501.78
Sanitary sewer system, pumping station, repairs and renewals	1,631.54	1,423.77	207.77
Sanitary sewer system, filter beds	2,123.68	2,941.40	* 817.72
Sanitary sewer system, other	1,566.17	2,625.25	* 1,059.08
Sewers, repairs and renewals	2,362.05	5,877.77	* 3,515.72
Sewer inspections	1,500.00	1,378.75	121.25
Other	406.95	303.41	103.54
Total	\$ 14,918.04	\$ 20,379.78	*\$ 5,461.74
Total Public Works	\$118,924.39	\$110,740.14	\$ 8,184.25
ORDINARY EXPENSE (Forward)	\$626,132.16	\$617,862.98	\$ 8,269.18

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	1906.	1905.	Increase *Decrease
ORDINARY EXPENSE (Forward).....	\$626,132.16	\$617,862.98	\$ 8,269.18
PUBLIC INDUSTRIES:			
Markets—			
Salaries.....	\$ 4,121.60	\$ 3,820.50	\$ 301.10
Repairs and renewals, buildings.....	35.50	4.50	31.00
Others.....	2,157.66	2,478.03	* 320.37
Total.....	\$ 6,314.76	\$ 6,303.03	\$ 11.73
Total Public Industries.....	\$ 6,314.76	\$6,303.03	\$ 11.73
PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ART:			
Schools.....	\$160,577.04	\$147,588.74	\$12,988.30
Sam Houston Park—			
Salaries.....	\$ 1,273.55	\$ 840.00	\$ 433.55
Repairs and renewals, buildings.....	53.80	319.10	* 265.30
Repairs and renewals, equipment....	4.40	80.65	* 76.25
Animals, replacement and keep.....	786.30	1,182.81	* 396.51
Maintenance of grounds.....	1,783.77	2,895.51	* 1,111.74
Others.....	249.53	322.44	* 72.91
Total.....	\$ 4,151.35	\$ 5,640.51	*\$ 1,489.16
Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Library.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,679.13	*\$ 2,679.13
Total Public Education, Recre- ation and Art.....	\$168,728.39	\$159,908.38	\$ 8,820.01
Total Ordinary Expense.....	\$801,175.31	\$784,074.39	\$17,100.92
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE—			
Certificate of Indebtedness (Storrie) ...	\$ 16,700.00	\$ 19,400.00	*\$ 2,700.00
Miscellaneous—			
Opening streets.....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,722.00	\$ 2,278.00
Electrical Department—			
New Fire Alarm boxes, etc.....	\$ 359.70	\$ 3,898.91	*\$ 3,539.21
Sewer Department—			
New sewers, manholes, etc.....	\$ 3,950.05	\$ 1,995.89	\$ 1,954.16
Market—			
Six large doors.....		\$ 410.00	*\$ 410.00
Schools—			
New buildings and annex.....		\$ 9,700.95	*\$ 9,700.95
Park—			
Band stand and lavatory.....		\$ 1,122.15	*\$ 1,122.15
Carnegie Library—			
Balance paid contractor on building.		\$ 5,261.27	*\$ 5,261.2
Totalt extraordinary expense..	\$ 25,009.75	\$ 43,511.17	*\$18,501.42
Grand Total Expense.....	\$826,185.06	\$827,585.56	*\$ 1,400.50

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the 14 Months Ended
February 28, 1906.

	Bal. on Hand Jan. 1, 1905	Receipts	Disbursements	Bal. on Hand Feb. 28, '06
In hands of Treasurer:				
General Fund.....	\$ 4,166.31	\$1,098,973.63	\$1,084,100.73	\$19,039.21
Paving fund.....	61,870.06	25,268.11	83,328.41	3,809.76
Special deposits.....	743.10	6,024.00	2,994.80	3,772.30
School fund.....	818.17	199,038.89	199,356.57	500.49
School building.....	136.10	4,000.00	4,136.10	.....
Bond.....	106,958.90	23.10	73,881.61	33,100.39
Fire Alarm system..	348.46	.....	348.46	.....
Totals.....	<u>\$175,041.10</u>	<u>\$1,333,327.73</u>	<u>\$1,448,146.68</u>	<u>\$60,222.15</u>
In other Hands.				
Board of liquidation\$	51,381.23	\$ 230,400.00	\$ 198,064.93	\$83,716.30
Assessor and Col'c'tr	36,798.08	\$1,210,266.70	1,235,869.47	11,195.31
Police department..	265.30	22,696.95	22,923.15	39.10
Scavenger dept.....	4.00	19,732.40	19,685.40	51.00
Electrical dep't.....	9.50	2,939.25	2,908.15	40.60
Market Master.....	155.75	20,264.95	20,133.00	287.70
Working funds.....	675.00	75.00	.....	750.00
Totals.....	<u>\$ 89,288.86</u>	<u>\$1,506,375.25</u>	<u>\$1,499,584.10</u>	<u>\$96,080.01</u>

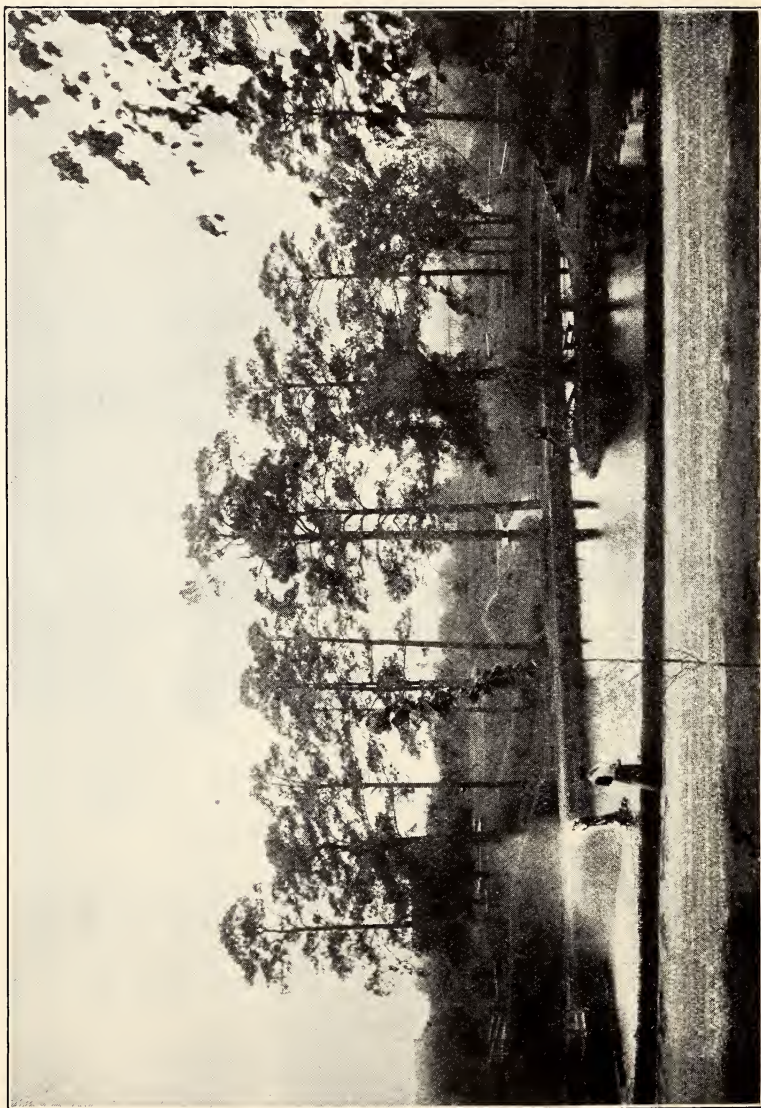
CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Statement of Department Expenses for the 14 Months Ended February, 1906,
Showing Budget Allowances, Deficits and Expenses.

	Amount Allowed	Amount Expended	Amount of Deficit	Amount of Excess
Executive—				
Mayor.....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,667.62	\$ 667.62	\$.....
Legislative—				
City Council.....	6,000.00	9,352.72	3,352.72	.....
City Secretary.....	3,500.00	2,965.14	.....	534.86
Law Department—				
City Attorney.....	10,000.00	10,238.04	238.04	.....
Finance Department—				
Controller.....	3,500.00	3,781.80	281.80	.....
Treasurer.....	2,800.00	2,397.08	.....	402.92
Assessor and Collector.....	10,600.00	23,746.56	13,146.56	.....
Miscellaneous—				
City Hall.....	2,500.00	3,098.80	598.80	.....
Board of Appraisalment....	1,550.00	.....	.....	1,550.00
Elections.....	1,000.00	1,791.39	791.39	.....
Damages not charged to de- partments.....	1,000.00	1,662.00	662.00	.....
Interest on bonds.....	186,000.00	217,385.00	31,385.00	.....
Miscellaneous interest and exchange.....	14,000.00	13,239.82	.....	760.18
Miscellaneous expense.....	15,000.00	25,892.20	10,892.20	.....
Electric lights.....	35,000.00	48,577.04	13,577.04	.....
Water.....	24,000.00	27,919.36	3,919.36	.....
Public Safety—				
Police department.....	65,000.00	80,622.52	15,622.52	.....
Corporation Court.....	2,600.00	2,853.25	253.25	.....
Fire department.....	70,000.00	76,001.03	6,001.03	.....
Health department.....	12,500.00	12,392.80	.....	107.20
Scavenger department.....	13,500.00	17,140.35	3,640.35	.....
Boiler Inspector.....	1,650.00	1,255.00	.....	395.00
Electrical department.....	4,000.00	5,174.34	1,174.34	.....
Public Works—				
Building public works.....	500.00	115.50	.....	384.50
City Engineer.....	10,000.00	10,730.32	730.32	.....
Streets and bridges.....	50,000.00	86,871.71	36,871.71	.....
Garbage.....	15,000.00	16,583.93	1,583.93	.....
Sewer.....	17,500.00	21,597.17	4,097.17	.....
Public Industries—				
Markets.....	5,000.00	7,558.81	2,558.81	.....
Public Education, Recreation and Art—				
Schools.....	90,000.00	191,732.32	33,236.17	.....
School revenue.....	68,496.15	.....	.....	.....
Sam Houston Park.....	5,720.00	4,861.64	.....	858.36
Carnegie Library.....	4,000.00	4,666.66	666.66	.....
Extraordinary—				
Storie certificates.....	12,500.00	28,700.00	16,200.00	.....
Refund paving certificates.....	60,722.66	60,722.66
	<u>\$768,416.15</u>	<u>\$1,026,294.58</u>	<u>\$262,871.45</u>	<u>\$4,993.02</u>

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

T. C. DUNN,

CITY TREASURER

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

Annual Report of T. C. Dunn, City Treasurer, for Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906.
RECEIPTS.

1905	General Fund	Special Fund	Paving Fund	School Building Fund	Fire Alarm System	Bond Fund	Public School Fund
March.....	\$63,247.75	\$ 48.20	.....	\$4,000.00	.....	.....	\$14,848.33
April.....	30,397.75	68.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,932.16
May.....	14,130.00	90.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.00
June.....	75,120.00	80.00	850.00	.....	.....	.....	29,796.62
July.....	36,293.20	1,128.80	20,000.00	.....	.....	.....	868.51
August.....	45,700.49	515.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,682.55
September.....	96,168.39	185.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,700.00
October.....	64,010.18	1,652.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,341.25
November.....	46,234.52	460.00	594.78	.....	.....	.....	17,475.87
December.....	69,366.81	310.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,603.68
1906							
January.....	181,259.67	923.50	3,573.33	.....	.....	.....	30,698.00
February.....	146,724.60	420.00	.....	.....	.....	23.10	11,567.85
Total receipts for fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1906.....	\$868,653.36	\$ 5,881.20	\$25,018.11	\$4,000.00	\$.....	\$ 23.10	\$161,555.82
Balances brought over from last fiscal year ending Feb. 28, '05	566.64	779.90	47,627.54	136.10	348.46	\$105,758.90	1,617.45
	\$869,220.00	\$6,661.10	\$72,645.65	\$4,136.10	\$ 348.46	\$105,782.00	\$163,173.27

Annual Report of T. C. Dunn, City Treasurer—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1905	General Fund	Special Fund	Paving Fund	School Building Fund	Fire Alarm System	Bond Fund	Public School Fund
March.....	\$ 46,790.11	\$.....	\$.....	\$2,467.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 16,260.23
April.....	44,953.73	85.00	3,705.70	.....	348.46	2,147.04	14,921.06
May.....	15,737.59	75.20	3,860.00	418.75	.....	3,022.40	56.50
June.....	67,538.27	130.00	437.40	.....	.....	17,590.22	29,794.07
July.....	34,929.80	50.00	47,310.66	56.00	.....	7,767.79	661.94
August.....	28,365.19	102.60	6,393.57	.....	.....	16,209.25	1,437.88
September.....	84,459.61	215.00	6,566.68	847.50	.....	9,071.69	1,796.61
October.....	81,443.38	230.00	125.66	.....	.....	6,035.79	16,805.50
November.....	45,575.91	480.00	.....	323.75	.....	10,676.13	16,727.38
December.....	88,574.12	495.00	244.40	.....	.....	25.80	20,359.63
1906							
January.....	158,171.34	628.50	.....	.....	.....	37.10	26,478.82
February.....	153,641.74	397.50	191.82	23.10	.....	98.40	17,373.16
Totals.....	\$850,180.79	\$2,888.80	\$68,835.89	\$4,136.10	\$ 348.46	\$ 72,681.61	\$162,672.78
Balances.....	19,039.21	3,772.30	3,809.76	.....	.....	33,100.39	500.49
	\$869,220.00	\$6,661.10	\$72,645.65	\$4,136.10	.....	\$105,782.00	\$163,173.27
Balances brought down March 1, 1906.....	\$ 19,039.21	\$ 3,772.30	\$ 3,809.76	.....	.....	\$ 33,100.39	\$ 500.49

STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Harris. } ss.

This affiant, T. C. Dunn, City Treasurer, being first duly sworn, says that the within [foregoing] statement is a full and true statement of all matters relating thereto for the period covered by this report, to the best of his knowledge and belief. That that part of the statement from March 1st, 1905, to August 14th, 1905, is taken from the books of A. A. Szabo, deceased, his predecessor in the office of City Treasurer, and the remainder of the statement is taken from the books under his own administration of said office.

T. C. DUNN,
City Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 1906.

W. H. HURLEY,
Notary Public, Harris County, Texas.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JAMES P. WELSH,

CITY ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR

SHOWING COLLECTION AND
DISPOSITION OF TAXES

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 8, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor of the City of Houston:

DEAR SIR: Complying with the requirements of the City Charter, directing all heads of departments to make annual reports for year beginning March 1st, 1905, and ending February 28th, 1906, I beg to hand you the following:

The report speaks for itself in detail; and you will note a splendid increase in collections over 1904, and also valuations, which indicates the rapid progress our city is making in the way of industries and buildings.

We have had completed, in abstract form, all parcels of land not subdivided in lots and blocks, which has been a great help to this office, and is easily worth the money expended.

Thanking you and the Commissioners for the ready assistance at all times when asked for, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

JAMES P. WELSH,
City Assessor and Collector.

**Annual Report of James P. Welsh, Assessor and Collector, of Collections
and Distribution Thereof, during the 12 Months beginning
March 1, 1905, and Ending February 28, 1906.**

COLLECTIONS.

Ad valorem tax, bond.....	\$393,241.96	
Ad valorem tax, general.....	393,241.82	\$786,483.78
Interest.....	\$ 8,397.57	
Advertising.....	3,815.95	
Costs of court.....	509.21	
Occupation tax—		
Merchants.....	3,675.20	
Liquor.....	27,166.67	
Beer.....	8,114.86	
Other.....	3,936.40	
Poll tax.....	5,131.00	\$ 60,746.86
Franchise tax.....	\$ 960.00	
Special deposits.....	6,031.20	
Permits and fees.....	5,171.60	
Engineers certificates.....	302.00	
Miscellaneous.....	58,220.57	
Bills for collection, general.....	8,645.71	
Bills for collection, special.....	3,573.33	\$ 82,904.41
Balance on hand February 28, 1905.....		\$ 20,210.96
		\$950,346.01

DISTRIBUTION.

Deposited with City Treasurer—

March.....	\$ 50,795.95	
April.....	19,800.00	
May.....	17,705.00	
June.....	10,200.00	
July.....	19,922.00	
August.....	44,941.54	
September.....	96,353.29	
October.....	65,569.27	
November.....	47,177.94	
December.....	69,574.81	
January.....	185,710.90	
February.....	147,000.00	\$774,750.70

Deposited with Board of Liquidation—

March.....	\$ 6,000.00	
August.....	20,000.00	
September.....	44,000.00	
December.....	51,400.00	
January.....	43,000.00	\$164,400.00

Balance on hand Feb. 28, 1906.....	\$ 11,195.31
	\$950,346.01

City of Houston—Assessor and Collector's Department.

Statement of Revenue, Expense and Unexpended Appropriation for the
Month of February, 1906 and 1905, and for the 12 Months
Ended February 28, 1906 and 1905.**REVENUE.**

	—Month of February—		
	1906	1905	Increase
(a) Interest.....	\$ 1,146.10	\$ 407.90	\$ 738.20
(b) Advertising.....	390.50	102.65	287.85
Total revenue.....	\$ 1,536.60	\$ 510.55	\$ 1,026.05

EXPENSE.

	—Month of February—		
	1906	1905	Increase *Decrease
(a) Salaries.....	\$ 1,057.88	\$ 800.00	\$ 257.88
(b) Advertising.....	12.60	51.00	* 38.40
(c) Stationery and printing....	5.75	75.00	* 69.25
(d) Other.....	3,521.60	15.90	3,505.70
Total expense.....	\$ 4,597.83	\$ 941.90	\$ 3,655.93

REVENUE.

For the twelve months ended Feb- ruary 28—		1906	1905	Increase
(a) Interest.....	\$	8,397.62	\$ 3,961.35	\$ 4,436.27
(b) Advertising.....		3,815.95	2,876.45	939.50
Total revenue.....	\$	12,213.57	\$ 6,837.80	\$ 5,375.77

EXPENSE.

For the twelve months ended Feb- ruary 28—		1906	1905	Increase
(a) Salaries.....	\$	12,412.55	\$ 9,075.00	\$ 3,337.55
(b) Advertising.....		995.83	863.78	132.05
(c) Stationery and printing....		649.05	499.08	149.97
(d) Other.....		7,562.10	458.68	7,103.42
Total expense.....	\$	21,619.53	\$ 10,896.54	\$ 10,722.99

Amount of appropriation for 1905.....\$ 10,600.00
 Amount expended as above.....\$ 21,619.53

Balance overdrawn.....\$ 11,019.53

City of Houston—Office of City Assessor and Collector.

Report of Collections and Distributions for the Months of January
and February, 1905.**COLLECTIONS.**

Ad valorem tax, bond.....	\$123,581.47	
Ad valorem tax, general.....	123,581.56	
		\$247,163.03
Interest.....	\$ 791.10	
Advertising and other.....	231.65	
Costs of court.....	21.02	
		\$ 1,043.77
Occupation tax—		
Merchants.....	\$ 2,262.35	
Liquor.....	10,950.00	
Beer.....	2,275.00	
Other.....	887.85	
		\$ 16,375.20
Poll tax.....	\$ 2,963.00	
Franchise tax.....	15.00	
		\$ 2,978.00
Special deposits.....	\$ 117.80	
Permits and fees.....	814.25	
Engineer's certificates.....	76.00	
Miscellaneous.....	11,265.32	
Bills for collection.....	298.28	
		\$ 12,571.65
		\$280,131.65
Balance on hand December 31, 1904.....		36,798.08
Grand total.....		\$316,929.73

DISTRIBUTION.

Deposited with Treasurer—		
January, 1905.....	\$183,250.05	
February, 1905.....	47,468.72	
		\$230,718.77
Deposited with Board of Liquidation—		
January, 1905.....	\$ 66,000.00	
February, 1905.....		
		\$ 66,000.00
		\$296,718.77
Balance on hand February 28, 1905.....		20,210.96
Grand total.....		\$316,929.73

City of Houston—Assessor and Collector's Department.

Statement of Revenue, Expense and Unexpended Appropriation for the
Two Months Ended February 28, 1905.

REVENUE.

	1905	1904	Increase *Decrease
(a) Interest.....\$	791.10	\$ 532.92	\$ 258.18
(b) Advertising.....	231.65	239.50	* 7.85
Total revenue.....\$	1,022.75	\$ 772.42	\$ 250.33

EXPENSE.

	1905	1904	Increase *Decrease
(a) Salaries.....\$	1,600.00	\$ 1,583.06	\$ 16.94
(b) Advertising.....	328.58	12.32	316.24
(c) Stationery.....	81.40	90.10	* 8.70
(d) Others.....	117.05	100.94	16.11
Total expense.....\$	2,127.03	\$ 1,786.42	\$ 340.61

Amount of appropriation..... \$10,600.00

Amount of expense as above..... 2,127.03

Balance unexpended..... \$ 8,472.97

Percentage of appropriation unexpended, 80 per cent.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

I. AUSTIN MILLER,

CITY ENGINEER

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 28, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor of the City of Houston:

DEAR SIR: I herewith hand to you reports of the different departments under the Engineering Department of this city, and statements showing the revenue and expense of same as required by ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

I. AUSTIN MILLER,
City Engineer.

**REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER FOR FOURTEEN MONTHS
ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1906.**

The revenue and expense of the different departments under this office are as shown on attached tabulated statement.

Paving work done under the supervision of this department for the six months ending June 30, 1905, as per records, are as follows:

Gravel road constructed.....17,876 square yards.
Brick pavement resurfaced..... 8,960 square yards.

Location of Gravel.

- ✓ Hutchins from Congress to G. H. & H. R. R.
- ✓ Dowling from McKinney to Congress.
- ✓ Sampson from McKinney to Harrisburg Road.
- ✓ German and "Old" Harrisburg Road from Sampson to Oak Lawn.
- ✓ Crocket from Houston Avenue to Crocket Street bridge.

Location of Brick.

- ✓ Franklin Avenue from Austin to Chartres, resurfaced.

**Paving Work Done Under the Supervision of this Department for the
Eight Months Ending February 28, 1906.**

Gravel, resurfaced.....	28,155	square yards.
Gravel, new road.....	17,902	square yards.
Brick, new road.....	3,820.9	square yards

Location of Gravel.

- ✓ San Felipe from Dallas to Wilson, resurfaced.
- ✓ La Branch from Texas to Rusk, new.
- ✓ Crawford from Holman to Tuam, new.
- ✓ Flynn and Ann from Runnells to Marsh, new.
- ✓ Elgin from Main to Crawford, new.
- ✓ Hadley from Main to Crawford, new.
- ✓ Jefferson from Main to Crawford, new.
- ✓ Fannin from Rusk to McKinney, brick, new.

**Total Square Yards Gravel Pavement for the Fourteen Months Ending
February 28, 1906.**

New gravel.....	35,778	square yards.
Resurfaced.....	28,155	square yards.

Brick Pavement.

Resurfaced.....	8,960	square yards.
New.....	3,820	square yards.

Tabulation of all Pavements in City.

Class	Square Yards.
Asphalt.....	165,077
Brick.....	221,207
Belgian block.....	1,892
Bois D'Arc blocks.....	73,700
Macadam.....	28,148
Gravel.....	567,244
Shell.....	5,558
Total.....	1,062,826
Total mileage last report.....	59.45
Total mileage to date.....	62.86
Increase.....	3.41

The city and Waters Pierce Oil Co. have about completed the gravel road on Harrington Street between Montgomery Avenue and the Southern Pacific R'y, which is not included in above.

Milby Street has been partially graded and gravel will be placed on same within the next thirty days.

SEWERS CONSTRUCTED.

Sewers constructed for the six months ending June 30, 1905:

	Lineal Feet.
8 inch.....	9,793
10 inch.....	5,939
12 inch.....	4,732
Total.....	20,464—3.88 mile.

LOCATION.

On parts of Broadway, Prairie, LaBranch, McIlhenny, Dennis and Jackson Streets. Austin from Hadley to Pierce, Hamilton from Hadley to Pierce, Crawford from Dennis to Anita, Jackson from McGowen to Dennis, Sixth from Washington to Girard, Hamilton from Hadley to Arthur, Capitol from Smith to County Jail, Jackson from Dennis to Tuam, Austin from Tuam to Anita, McGowen from Hamilton to Crawford, McIlhenny from Hamilton to Crawford, Crawford from McIlhenny to McGowen, Loraine and Elysian, West and Mary.

Sewers constructed during eight months ending February 28, 1906.

	Lineal Feet.
8 inch.....	23,717
10 inch.....	261
24 inch..... <i>Buffalo St. Storm</i>	2,203
Total..... <i>Added wrong</i>	28,530

LOCATION.

Pierce from Baldwin to Helena, Pierce from Hutchins to Hamilton, Hutchins from Leeland to Calhoun, Calhoun from Hutchins to Broadway, Fair Grounds and South End additions, Westmoreland addition, Buffalo Street from Commerce to Bayou, Youngs Avenue from Washington to Lubbock, Webster from Smith to Bagby.

The Louisiana Street sewer, which is 24-inch pipe and 6,104 feet in length, has not been accepted as yet, and is not included in either of the above statements. The contractor on this sewer is at present removing broken or crushed pipe, and it is hoped that it will be ready for inspection and acceptance before summer.

The Buffalo Street sewer, which was constructed to relieve the flood water from the old Buffalo sewer and permit the drainage of the Preston Avenue subway, has given satisfaction and the pumping plant installed for this purpose, and failed, is out of commission.

The I. & G. N. R. R. is constructing two lines of 24-inch storm sewer on Commerce Street from LaBranch to Hamilton Streets, which will materially improve the drainage in this immediate vicinity when completed. This work is not included in mileage report.

The rapid growth of the city is evident from the many street openings for gas, water, telephone and sewer service connections, and owing to the inconvenience of such openings it will be necessary to revise the ordinance for such permits with the view of having such openings closed and repaired more rapidly than at present.

The house moving ordinance could be improved to much advantage by making restriction according to value of improvements to be moved, especially as to area within the fire and roof limits.

Respectfully submitted,

I. AUSTIN MILLER,
City Engineer.

**Statement of Revenue, Expense and Unexpended Appropriation for the
Annual Report of February, 1906, and for the Six and Eight
Months Ended June 30, 1904 and 1905, and
February 28, 1905 and 1906.**

REVENUE.

	6 Months Ended June 30, 1905	8 Months Ended Feb. 28, 1906	14 Months Ended Feb. 28, 1906
24a. Surveying fees.....	\$ 378.00	\$ 540.75	\$ 918.75
24b. Building permits.....	910.00	1,173.00	2,083.00
24c. Plumbing and Sewer Inspection fees.....	365.00	1,025.00	1,390.00
24d. Other.....	108.70	425.00	533.70
Total.....	\$ 1,761.70	\$ 3,163.75	\$ 4,925.45

EXPENSE.

	6 Months Ended June 30, 1905	8 Months Ended Feb. 28, 1906	14 Months Ended Feb. 28, 1906
24a. Salaries.....	\$ 4,830.00	\$ 4,506.07	\$10,336.07
24b. Repairs and renewals of instruments.....	42.10	9.00	51.10
24c. Stationery and printing.....	118.95	74.70	192.65
24d. Other.....	22.75	124.75	147.50
Total.....	\$ 5,013.80	\$ 4,714.52	\$10,730.32

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
W. X. NORRIS,
BUILDING INSPECTOR

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 5, 1906.

*To the Hon. Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Houston,
Texas:*

GENTLEMEN: I hereto attach tabulated statements showing the values of improvements, etc., and amount of fees collected in this department.

As there are many instances in the building ordinances where requirements are contradictory, and the construction of fire-proof structures is not in conformity with modern practice in planning thickness of walls in steel construction of buildings, I would respectfully ask that your Honorable Body take under advisement the proposition of revising the ordinance, so that permits could be issued in accordance with same without undue discrimination.

For expense of this department see annual report under heading of Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

I. AUSTIN MILLER,
City Engineer.

W. X. NORRIS,
Building Inspector.

**Number of Building Permits and Amount of Fees for Each of the Six
Months Ending June 30, 1904 and 1905.**

	1904		1905	
	Permits.	Fees.	Permits.	Fees.
January.....	85	\$103.00	109	\$151.50
February.....	116	138.00	58	74.00
March.....	135	133.50	100	128.00
April.....	115	322.50	108	199.50
May.....	124	166.50	98	210.50
June.....	94	130.50	79	146.50
	669	\$994.00	552	\$910.00

Number of Building Permits and Amount of Fees for Each of the Eight Months Ending February 28, 1905 and 1906.

	1905		1906	
	Permits.	Fees.	Permits.	Fees.
July.....	85	\$169.00	159	\$238.00
August.....	95	138.50	91	176.50
September.....	73	85.50	103	110.50
October.....	89	97.00	242	131.50
November.....	71	109.00	179	141.50
December.....	75	114.50	125	123.00
January.....	109	151.50	175	136.50
February.....	58	74.00	170	115.50
	655	\$ 939.00	1,244	\$1,173.00
	669	994.00	552	910.00
	1,324	\$1,933.00	1,796	\$2,083.00

Permit Valuation of Temporary Structures (Additions and Repairs) During the Six Months Ending June 30, 1904 and 1905.

	1904	1905
January.....	\$12,660.00	\$ 3,080.00
February.....	10,970.75	2,038.00
March.....	6,680.50	4,850.00
April.....	3,684.00	4,610.00
May.....	3,780.00	5,710.00
June.....	3,865.25	5,650.00
	\$41,640.50	\$ 25,938.00

Permit Valuation of Temporary Structures (Additions and Repairs) During the Eight Months Ending February 28, 1905 and 1906.

	1905	1906
July.....	\$ 6,580.25	\$ 3,640.00
August.....	5,626.00	4,915.00
September.....	4,443.00	6,145.00
October.....	5,548.00	8,274.00
November.....	6,038.00	8,820.00
December.....	3,715.00	1,948.00
January.....	3,080.00	13,770.00
February.....	2,038.00	8,965.00
Eight Months Ending Feb. 28, 1905 and 1906..	\$37,968.25	\$56,477.00
Six Months ending June 30, 1904 and 1905...	41,640.50	25,938.00
Fourteen Months ending Feb. 28, 1905 and 1906.....	\$79,608.75	\$82,415.00

Value of Permanent Improvement Permits Issued During the Six Months Ending June 30, 1904 and 1905.

	1904	1905
January.....	\$ 67,766.50	\$ 133,645.00
February.....	99,365.00	58,167.00
March.....	96,307.00	103,430.00
April.....	296,820.00	179,570.00
May.....	140,563.00	204,885.00
June.....	100,276.00	132,355.00
	\$ 801,097.50	\$ 812,052.00

Value of Permanent Improvement Permits Issued During the Eight Months Ending February 28, 1905 and 1906.

	1905	1906
July.....	\$ 144,544.00	\$ 211,890.00
August.....	123,230.00	160,750.00
September.....	68,519.00	81,035.00
October.....	80,195.00	125,048.00
November.....	94,800.00	126,950.00
December.....	97,402.00	120,225.00
January.....	133,645.00	124,135.00
February.....	58,167.00	90,795.00
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Eight Months ending Feb. 28, 1905 and 1906.....	\$ 800,502.00	\$ 1,040,828.00
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Six Months ending June 30, 1904 and 1905	801,097.50	812,052.00
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Fourteen Months ending Feb. 28, 1905 and 1906.....	\$ 1,601,599.50	\$ 1,852,880.00

Classification of Permanent Improvements.

	No.	Value.
6-story brick office building.....	1	\$ 72,625.00
4-story brick office and depot building.....	1	60,000.00
3-story brick store buildings.....	8	64,000.00
3-story brick flat buildings.....	2	38,500.00
3-story brick academy building.....	1	40,000.00
2-story brick store buildings.....	2	28,000.00
2-story brick residence buildings.....	2	7,000.00
2-story brick engine house building.....	1	5,100.00
1-story brick power house building.....	1	13,700.00
1-story brick warehouse buildings.....	3	12,000.00
Remodeled brick miscellaneous buildings.....	17	85,675.00
Wood and iron warehouse buildings.....	5	64,000.00
4-story wood and iron ice plant building.....	1	4,000.00
1-story wood and iron foundry buildings.....	2	11,000.00
1-story frame school building.....	1	600.00
2-story frame building.....	1	2,000.00
2-story frame residence buildings.....	284	647,785.00
1-story cottage buildings.....	687	633,350.00
1 and 2-story shed and stable buildings.....	119	9,545.00
Waters-Pierce Oil Plant, several buildings.....	1	51,000.00
Roller Coaster building.....	1	3,000.00

Value Building Permits of fourteen months ending February 28, 1906.....\$1,852,880.00

Value Temporary Permits (additions and repairs) of fourteen months ending Feb. 28, 1906.....82,415.00

Grand Total value of Permits issued during the fourteen months ending February 28, 1906.....\$1,935,295.00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JOHN McNEELY,

SEWER AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

SEWER INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Sewer connections put in for the six months ending June 30, 1905.....	67
Sewer connections put in for the eight months ending February, 28, 1906.....	338
Total connections for the fourteen months.....	405

The unusual increase is accounted for by the fact that the Westmoreland and Fair Grounds additions and several other sewer districts were extended in the past year.

The total number of house connections that are tributary to the Disposal Plant, as shown by records in this office, 2,630.

Plumbing Permits.

Plumbing permits issued for six months ending June 30, 1905	180
Plumbing permits issued for the eight months ending February 28, 1906.....	377
Total for the fourteen months ending Feb. 28, 1906....	557

Plumbing Fixtures Installed.

Plumbing fixtures installed for the fourteen months ending February 28th, 1906, under the above mentioned permits:

Water closets.....	950
Bath tubs.....	564
Lavatories.....	538
Sinks.....	511
Urinals.....	19
Total number of fixtures.....	2,582
Total number of fixtures for previous fourteen months....	1,756
Increase.....	826

Stoppages.

The stoppages reported in the forty-seven miles of storm and sanitary sewers numbered ten (10), of which three were in sanitary and seven in storm sewers. Necessary repairs were made by the regular sewer repairers at small expense.

Extensions and Additions.

Miles.

Extensions and additional sewers constructed during the six months ending June 30, 1905.....	3.8
Extensions and additional sewers constructed during the eight months ending February 28, 1906.....	6.01
Total for fourteen months ending Feb. 28, 1906.....	9.81

Expenses.

The expenses incurred and revenue collected through this department are shown on annual report headed "Sewer Department."

Respectfully submitted,

I. AUSTIN MILLER,
City Engineer.

JOHN MCNEELY,
Sewer Inspector.

Statement of Expense for the Six Months Ended June 30, 1905, and for the Eight and Fourteen Months Ended February 28, 1906.

	6 Months Ended June 30, 1905	8 Months Ended Feb. 28, 1906	14 Months Ended Feb. 28, 1906
27a. Sanitary Sewer System Pump Station, operation.....	\$ 2,611.57	\$ 3,594.02	\$ 6,205.59
27b. Sanitary Sewer System Pump Station, repairs and ren'ls..	766.28	1,139.33	1,905.61
27c. Sanitary Sewer System Pump Station, filter beds.....	745.82	1,661.43	2,407.25
27e. Sanitary Sewer System Pump Station, other.....	1,006.00	889.42	1,895.42
27f. Sewer repairs and renewals...	1,575.85	786.20	2,362.05
27g. Sewer inspections.....	750.00	1,000.00	1,750.00
27h. Sewer, other.....	162.39	285.17	447.56
Total.....	\$ 7,617.91	\$ 9,355.57	\$16,973.48

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

WM. H. WILSON,

CITY ATTORNEY

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 5, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor of the City of Houston:

DEAR SIR: Conforming to the legal requirements, I herewith submit a statement as to the conduct of the Legal Department of the City of Houston for the year ending 28th day of February, 1906:

My connection with this department and with the city government of Houston, having commenced only some two months since, and at least one month of that period having been consumed in taking testimony in the litigation between the City of Houston and the Houston Water Company in the Federal Court, it is impossible for me to give a detailed statement of the conduct of the City Attorney's office during the preceding year.

The Charter requires the City Attorney to be present in person or by deputy at the sessions of the Corporation Court which are held twice each day, viz., 9. a. m. and 4 p. m.

From March 1st to December 31st, 1905, there were tried in the Corporation Court 1,804 cases, in which fines were assessed in the amount of \$5,399.00, and costs in the amount of \$14,064.80.

From January 1st to February 28th, 1906, there were tried in the Corporation Court 332 cases, in which there were fines assessed in the amount of \$842.00, and costs in the amount of \$4,627.85.

This makes a total for the whole period of the sum of 2,136 cases tried in the Corporation Court, and the total of \$6,241.00 of fines assessed, and of \$18,692.65 of costs charged against the defendants.

There are now pending in the District and County Courts of Harris County and in the Federal Court at this place in the neighborhood of seventy-five cases, in which the City of Houston is interested, either as a plaintiff or defendant. In most of these cases the city appears as defending some character of action for damages. A number of these cases are practically disposed of, and will be shortly eliminated from the docket. A few of them, particularly the cases involving the

litigation with the Houston Water Company, are of the greatest importance, not only to the City Government, but to the people of the community as well. In such a body of litigation there are, of course, many cases that are trifling and of very little merit, but after these are deducted there still remains a large body of litigation much out of proportion to what usually exists in cities of this size. My idea is that this unusual mass of litigation is due perhaps to the fact that this being a city in which a large number of railroads terminate there are a great number of damage suits filed in this community, in which frequently large damages are recovered in the courts. This fact tends to stimulate the institution of damage suits, and perhaps subjects the city to a larger number of such actions than would be filed in a community where the idea of seeking damage for every real or supposed grievance was not so prominent.

I have noted lately the clause contained in the Charter of the City of Galveston, exempting that city from any liability for any damages for injuries to persons or property caused by any defect of any street, sidewalks or other public place, has been sustained by the upper courts of this State as being legal. Such a provision is nowise unreasonable, as it puts cities, with respect to such liability, in exactly the position that county governments are, and always have been. The cities exist as a matter of fact of necessity; their action is governmental and for the benefit of the people, and not for any private gain or advantage. The city necessarily acts by a number of agents, the particular conduct of whom it can not supervise in detail. It is therefore nowise unreasonable that with respect to liability for the acts of these agents, it should stand on the same footing as the counties do.

I would suggest that if an amendment be made to our Charter similar to the provision recited in the Galveston Charter, it would relieve the city for the future of a great burden of expense of litigation, as the great mass of cases that this department is required to defend belong to the class of damage suits.

Since my connection with this department, the customary force of the department has been continued and maintained as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. WILSON,
City Attorney.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JOHN A. KIRLICKS,

JUDGE CORPORATION COURT OF THE
CITY OF HOUSTON

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 1, 1906.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Houston, Texas:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully beg to submit to you the following report of business transacted in the Corporation Court for year ending February 28th, 1906: From the first day of March, A. D. 1905, to and inclusive of July 5th, 1905, the records of the court's docket disclose that the following convictions were had, to-wit:

Drunks.....	159	Carrying pistols.....	4
Fighting.....	77	Committing nuisance.....	3
Assault.....	35	Exposure of person.....	3
Vagrancy.....	61	Interfering with officers....	4
Disturbance of peace.....	78	Discharging firearms in city..	1
Disorderly conduct.....	12	Gambling.....	13
Abusive language.....	10	Riding bicycle on sidewalk..	3
Sleeping in public places...	53	Reckless driving.....	1
Fast driving.....	9	Removing night soil at un-	
Leaving teams unhitched..	3	lawful hours.....	1
Accompanying lewd women	4	Disorderly houses.....	2
Train jumping.....	18	Causing collision.....	1
Street walking.....	1		

That the total fines imposed in the foregoing convictions amount to \$1,634.00, exclusive of costs. That from the sixth day of July, A. D. 1905, to the 28th day of February, A. D. 1906, the following convictions were had, to-wit:

Drunk.....	450	Malicious mischief.....	7
Disturbance of peace.....	252	Exposure of person.....	5
Fighting.....	153	Spitting on sidewalk.....	2
Sleeping in a public place..	119	Obstructing sidewalk.....	3
Assault.....	68	Hollering Stop at unlawful	
Abusive language.....	20	hours.....	5
Leaving teams unhitched...	88	Failure to clean closets.....	7
Vagrancy.....	116	Contempt of court.....	1
Gambling.....	56	Driving through funeral pro-	
Fast driving.....	39	cession.....	6
Train jumping.....	12	Bicycling on sidewalks.....	6
Violating plumbers' ordi-		Committing nuisance.....	3
nance.....	4	Causing collision.....	7
Interfering with officers....	9	Cruelty to animals.....	5
Accompanying lewd women	3	Depot ordinance.....	12
Disorderly houses.....	2	Peddling without license...	4
Disorderly conduct.....	10	Blocking sidewalk.....	3
Discharging firearms in city		Depositing trash on sidewalk	2
limits.....	4	Carrying pistol.....	1
Trespassing.....	10	Miscellaneous, failure to	
Street walkers.....	3	screen.....	4

The total fines imposed in the last stated cases amount to the sum of \$4,414.00, exclusive of costs. Out of the entire number of convictions had during the entire year, thirty-six cases were taken to the Criminal District Court of Harris County, on appeal. These cases usually result adversely to the city for many reasons; and if any are affirmed, the appellant's liability to the city seems to vanish. Whatever cases on appeal from the Corporation Court have been decided against the appellants in the last four years, no trace of any payment, within that time, of many from the source, can be found to have reached the city treasury, so far as a painstaking search has enabled me to make.

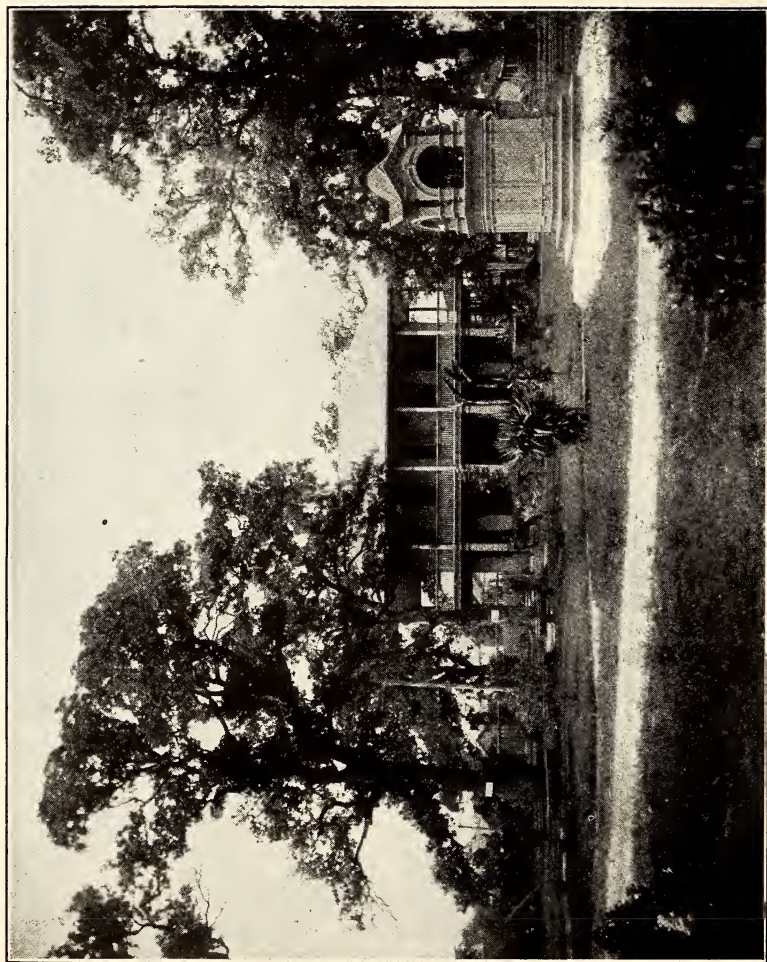
The money required to run this department for the current year, so far as I can perceive, will in no material way vary from last year's estimates and appropriation.

I am very respectfully,

JOHN A. KIRLICKS,

Judge Corporation Court of the City of Houston.





SCENE—SAM HOUSTON PARK—HARRIET LANE BELL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF WORK DONE BY

STREET AND BRIDGE
DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

REPORT OF WORK DONE BY STREET AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

The following table gives total costs of labor in my department for the eight months ending February 28th, 1906:

Sweeping and cleaning paved streets.....	\$ 5,658.12
Grading, excavating and improving dirt streets and ditches by grading gang.....	6,266.60
Ditching.....	6,543.40
Flushing of streets.....	1,294.00
Building and repairing small bridges, crossings, culverts, drains, aprons and bulkheads.....	2,482.90
Paving, repairs and men.....	641.50
Sprinkling streets.....	84.00
	\$22,970.52

EXHIBIT A.

The following table shows the number of square yards cleaned, the cubic number of yards removed, and the cost of same. October showing light, as we only worked seven-tenths of a day:

Month.	Cu. Yds. Cleaned	Cu. Yds. Removed	Cost
October.....	70,208	21	\$ 14.65
November.....	668,415	224	197.60
December.....	1,336,830	483	542.00
January.....	1,737,879	570	621.00
February.....	2,406,293	1,268	1,506.17
Total.....	6,219,625	3,566	\$2,882.42

Total number loads removed, 5,349.

The following streets are cleaned every night, the weather permitting:

	Blocks.
Main from Commerce to McKinney.....	9
Travis from Commerce to McKinney.....	9
Caroline from Commerce to McKinney.....	8
Fannin from Franklin to Preston.....	2
Commerce from Fannin to Milam.....	3
Franklin from Bridge to San Jacinto.....	7
Congress from Milam to I. & G. N. Depot.....	19
Preston from Bridge to Caroline.....	9
Prairie from Milam to Caroline.....	5
Texas from Milam to Caroline.....	5
Capitol from Milam to Fannin.....	3
Washington from Fifth to Tenth.....	5
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The following streets are swept from one to three times a week:

McKinney.	Hardy.
Crawford.	Montgomery.
Odin.	Lyons.
Houston Avenue.	Chartres.
Franklin from San Jacinto to Chartres.	Liberty.
Washington from Tenth to Brashear.	

The following table shows the work done by the day cleaning gang.
The following streets being cleaned every day, weather permitting:

Main from Franklin to McKinney.
Travis from Franklin to Prairie.
Congress from Travis to Fannin.
Prairie from Travis to Fannin.
Texas from Travis to Fannin.

The following table shows the work done by the Main Street gang:

Month	Sq. Yds. Cleaned	Cu. Yds. Removed	Labor
August.....	1,053,297	513	\$ 412.00
September.....	1,014,286	462½	377.80
October.....	1,014,286	460	386.00
November.....	1,014,286	475	356.00
December.....	1,014,286	400½	338.00
January.....	1,248,993	562½	477.00
February.....	936,264	384	280.00
Total.....	7,295,698	3,257½	\$2,626.80

The following streets were cleaned during the year:

Main from Franklin to McKinney.
 Travis from Franklin to Prairie.
 Congress from Travis to Fannin.
 Preston from Travis to Fannin.
 Prairie from Travis to Fannin.

Grand total cubic yards cleaned.....7,295.698
 Grand total cubic yards dirt removed..... 3,257½

EXHIBIT B.

The bridges were next given my attention.

Hill, San Jacinto, Crockett and Sabine were found to be in a dangerous condition; in fact, every bridge in the city needed attention, even the small ones. Capt. Jack Kennedy was made Superintendent of large bridges, and a small bridge gang was organized and Mr. H. McCleary made foreman. Mr. McCleary resigned, and Mr. Parker was made foreman.

The small bridge gang has built new, and repaired the following bridges, crossings, culverts, aprons and drains:

Odin Avenue bridge, built new and shortened from 36 to 16 feet.

Lyons Avenue, built new and shortened from 32 to 16 feet.

Market Street was shortened from 232 feet to 49 feet.

The approaches to these bridges were filled with dirt, thus saving the city for future repairs 50 to 100 per cent.

It is the aim of my department to shorten all bridges in the city wherever practicable, and fill all approaches with dirt; thereby building permanent embankments, saving to the city in the future 50 to 100 per cent on repairs.

The following table shows in detail the amount of lumber used in the construction and repairs of aprons, culverts, crossings and small bridges:

July.			
	Feet.		Feet.
7 Crossings.....	864	New Lumber.....	4,204
12 Bridges.....	3,340	Old Lumber.....	1,470
Total.....	4,204		5,674
Old Lumber.....	1,470	Labor.....	\$205.75

August.

	Feet.		Feet
52 Crossings.....	5,684	Lumber.....	9,048
39 Bridges.....	3,364		
Total.....	9,048	Labor.....	\$244.00

September.

	Feet.		Feet.
32 Crossings.....	6,964	Total New Lumber.....	28,962
22 Bridges.....	9,761	Total Old Lumber.....	7,200
Total.....	14,725	Total.....	37,162
1 New Bridge, Lyons Ave..	3,123	Old Lumber used during	
1 New Bridge, Odin Ave...	2,827	month.....	7,200
1 New Bridge, Market St...	8,287		
1 Drain.....			
Total.....	14,237	Labor.....	\$639.25

October.

	Feet.		Feet.
8 Crossings.....	8,202	New Lumber.....	21,675
96 Bridges.....	13,473		
Total.....	21,675	Labor.....	\$441.75

November.

	Feet.		Feet.
20 Crossings.....	3,102	New Lumber.....	8,378
38 Bridges.....	5,276	Old Lumber.....	7,780
2 Drains.....		Total.....	16,158
Total.....	8,378	Labor.....	\$225.50

December.

	Feet.		Feet.
27 Crossings.....	3,150	New Lumber.....	10,888
57 Bridges.....	7,258	Old Lumber.....	13,648
12 Aprons.....	480	Total.....	24,536
Total.....	10,888	Labor.....	\$211.90

January.

	Feet.		Feet.
37 Crossings.....	10,302	New Lumber.....	18,334
42 Bridges.....	7,100	Old Lumber.....	1,260
5 Drains.....	812	Total.....	19,594
1 Bulk Head, Old Lumber.	1,260	Labor.....	\$252.50
New Lumber...	120		

February.					
	Feet.	Feet.			
	New.	Old.	Labor.....		\$252.25
32 Crossings.....	4,082	4,325			
42 Bridges.....	5,573	7,324			
5 Drains.....	1,131	625	New Lumber.....	11,146	
8 Aprons.....	360	375	Old Lumber.....	12,649	
Total.....	11,146	12,649	Total.....	23,795	
Grand total.	90,960	38,741	Cost of New Lumber....	\$1,910.16	
			Labor, Grand Total.....	\$2,003.40	

The following is the cost of rebuilding Hill, Crockett, Beachamp, Milam, Sabine (not finished yet) and San Jacinto:

	Cost.
Lumber, 351,700 feet.....	\$ 8,443.98
Labor.....	13,621.44
Total.....	\$ 22,065.42

The following table gives the total number of feet used from July the 7th to October 14th, for repairs on the following bridges:

	Feet.
San Jacinto Street Bridge.....	2,426
Hill Street Bridge.....	1,330
Sabine Street Bridge.....	1,624
Preston Avenue Bridge.....	544
Franklin Avenue Bridge.....	844
Beauchamp Street Bridge.....	800
Milam Street Bridge.....	568
Crocket Street Bridge.....	366
Louisiana Street Bridge.....	84
Highland Park Bridge.....	480
Clinton Road Bridge.....	416

EXHIBIT C.

The following table shows the number of lineal feet of new ditches dug, and old ones cleaned out, about two-thirds of the total number of feet being old ditches cleaned out:

	Lineal Feet.	Cost.
August.....	149,982	\$2,971.20
September.....	46,910	1,682.40
October.....	37,890	1,589.80
November.....	6,140	300.00
Total.....	240,922	\$6,543.40

EXHIBIT D.

The following table shows the work done by the grading men:

July.

Streets cleaned.....	24,000 sq. yds.
Dirt removed, about.....	400 cu. yds.
Cost.....	\$497.05

August.

Street and ditch cleanings removed.....	483 cu. yds.
Excavating ditches on Schwarz Street, about 600 lineal feet, removed.....	75 cu. yds.
Grading Schwarz Street.....	
Cost.....	\$292.20

September.

Street and ditch cleanings removed.....	570 cu. yds.
Grading Whitty from Railroad to School.....	
Excavating ditches, removed.....	215 cu. yds.
Odin Avenue approaches filled.....	269 cu. yds.
Lyons Avenue approaches filled.....	235 cu. yds.
Excavating Market Street ditch.....	
Cost.....	\$ 830.65

October.

	Cu. Yds.	Cost.
Grading Bremond from Crawford to Austin.....		\$ 28.00
Grading McIlhenny from Crawford to Austin.....		28.00
Grading Clark Street from Campbell to Quitman....		24.00
Gravel put on Louisiana Street.....	54	
Gravel put on Caroline Street.....	9	
Cleanings removed.....	208 1-6	
To fill Market Street bridge approaches.....	599	
Excavating on Market Street.....	1,451	
To fill holes in Bayou, Clark, West and Schwarz Sts...	700	

Total handled during month..... 3,126 1-6 — 855.20

Total cost.....\$935.20

November.

Gravel put on Franklin Avenue.....	10½ cu. yds.
Gravel put on Rusk Avenue.....	3 cu. yds.
Grading Bremond Street.....	
Grading Sterrett Street.....	
Grading Grayson Street.....	
Streets cleaned.....	1,700,300 sq. ft.
Street cleanings removed.....	540 cu. yds.
Cost.....	\$1,260.50

December.

Cleaning streets.....	645,615 sq.ft.
Street cleanings removed.....	380 cu. yds.
Grading Bremond Street.....	
Grading Sterrett Street.....	
Grading Grayson Street.....	
Grading Fannin Street.....	
Cost.....	\$337.00

January.

Excavating Harrington Street for gravel, cubic yards.....	\$ 31.60
Filling in west end approach to.....	
Grading Westmoreland Avenue, 530 lineal feet.....	837.00
Grading Burlington Street.....	20.00
Grading Hawthorne Avenue.....	20.00
Grading Walnut Street, 300 lineal feet.....	10.00
Total.....	\$938.60

February.

	Cu. Yds.	Cost.
Gravelling Harrington Street.....	285	\$ 134.60
Excavating Crocket Street	600	
Filling in east end approach to		
Filling in Milby Street, 700 feet.....		96.12
Filling in Pinckney and South Streets.....		112.00
Grading Hawthorne and Burlington Streets, 850 links.....		20.00
Excavating for Waters-Pierce Co.....		42.87
Excavating for Pinckney Street, east end bridge.....		
Filling end of		
Filling in James Street.....	210	
Filling in Gargan Street.....	25	
Filling in Myrtle Street.....	30—	606.75
Total gravel placed on east and west end of Crocket and Pinckney Streets.....	158	
Total cost.....		\$1,112.34

EXHIBIT E.

The flushing gang sweeps as well as flushing the following streets in the morning, going to work at 2:30, quitting at 12:30:

Main Street.	Travis Street.	Fannin Street.
Milam Street.	Congress Avenue.	Prairie Avenue.
Preston Avenue.	Texas Avenue.	Capitol Ave. (In part)

The table shows the number of lineal feet flushed during the months named in same:

Flushing Gang.

	Lineal Feet.	Cost.
July.....	179,335	\$ 126.00
August.....	181,035	168.00
September.....	181,035	168.00
October.....	184,108	166.00
November.....	201,225	166.00
December.....	190,875	168.00
January.....	114,439	210.00
February.....	187,545	162.00
Grand Total.....	1,419,497	\$1,294.00

EXHIBIT F.

The following table gives the number of square yards of pavement replaced and set:

	Sq. Yds.	Cost.
October.....	115	\$ 46.00
November.....	480	196.00
December.....	289	115.50
January.....	390	162.00
February.....	317	122.00
Total.....	1,591	\$641.50

EXHIBIT G.

The following table shows the number of lineal feet of ditching done by the city prisoners. This gang is used for cleaning the streets as well as ditches:

	Lin. Ft. Cleaned.
August.....	12,050
September.....	9,100
October.....	10,400
November.....	9,000
December.....	12,600
January.....	8,800
February.....	21,000
Total.....	81,950

76,800 square feet of streets also cleaned in February.

The city has in the Street and Bridge Department the following stock, wagons, and other implements. The following table speaks for itself:

12 head mules.	30 ft. 1½ in. block and	3 hame straps.
6 wagons.	tackle.	4 set old harness.
3 graders (1 no good)	7 doubletrees.	10 push scoops.
4 plows.	4 eveners.	1 broom filler.
3 wheel scrapers.	2 new singletrees.	4 new sets harness.
6 sprinklers.	2 barrels copperas.	8 rakes.
3 sweepers.	60 curb stones.	6 short handle shovels
1 sprinkler, old	1 tool box.	9 doz. push brooms.
2 sweepers, old.	2 scythes.	18 handles.
1 vise.	17 new scoops.	2 post hole diggers.
3 old wheelers.	12 old scoops.	1 post hole auger.
1 old dump cart.	24 shovels.	1 adz.
8 slips.	1 pinch bar.	1 cross cut saw.
3 sledge hammers.	1 saw set.	4 spike mauls.
1 tamp bar	20 mattoxes.	3 adz handles.
2 extra plow points.	20 picks.	
1 grind stone.	5 new collar pads.	

Estimated value of every thing named, \$.....

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

GEO. ELLIS

CHIEF OF POLICE

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor of the City of Houston:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with the terms of the Charter, I herewith hand you the annual report of the Police Department for the fiscal year ending February 28th, 1906, showing cost of operating and maintaining, together with comparative statistics of this department for the above period.

The work done by this department, as shown by the within reports, are considerably in excess of all past years, which is due to the enforcement of the ordinances, increased territory and population.

As the Police Station has not been renovated for a number of years, I would recommend that the cells be repaired where the flooring is giving way, and be painted; the fencing on the street is in bad condition, needing repairs, which would necessitate an outlay of \$25.00, and also be painted. The office occupied by the Chief and also the Clerk's office needs renovating, painting and some additional plumbing at no great cost. The Chief should have a filing case for his correspondence, and also a cabinet for filing photographs of noted criminals, as this city is a member of the National Bureau, who are receiving photos at all times of criminals who are evading the officers.

As our town is increasing in population, requiring increased expense in this department, I would recommend an appropriation of \$70,000.00 to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. ELLIS,
Chief of Police.

Cost of Operating the Police Department for the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906.

Salaries.....	\$62,022.75
Patrol Wagon and Equipment.....	510.14
Repairs to building.....	166.15
Light and fuel.....	362.60
Subsistence of prisoners.....	4,887.88
Stationery and printing.....	119.10
Pound.....	564.40
Other.....	813.50

Total.....\$69,446.52

Received from private corporations and individuals for special officers detailed for their protection and included in revenues.\$ 3,797.00

Comparative Statement of Revenue and Operating Expenses of the Police Department.

Year.	Revenue.	Operating Expenses.
1901.....	\$ 9,891.90	\$62,274.97
1902.....	12,603.50	62,498.66
1903.....	13,407.15	58,604.97
1904.....	16,414.85	64,506.55
1905.....	20,458.55	69,446.52

A Comparative Statement.

	1902	1903	1904	1905
Total arrests.....	5,527	4,322	4,439	4,770
Stock empounded.....	1,794	2,139	2,127	2,437
Wagon calls.....	2,813			2,308
Expenses.....	\$.....	\$58,604.97	\$64,506.55	\$69,446.52
Pound fees.....		2,925.80	2,587.60	3,250.40
Fines and Costs.....	\$12,603.50	7,307.35	9,162.35	12,887.15
Dog tax.....		550.00	550.00	524.00
Special detail.....		2,624.00	4,114.90	3,797.00

Recapitulation.

Violating State laws.....	706
Violating United States laws.....	8
Violating City Ordinances.....	3,802
Escaped convicts recaptured.....	6
Fugitives from other counties.....	17
Arrested on suspicion.....	231

Total arrests.....	4,770
Number head of stock empounded.....	2,437
Total Fines and Costs.....	\$12,887.15
Total Pound Fees.....	3,250.40
Total Special Detail.....	3,797.00
Total Dog Tax.....	524.00

Total.....\$20,458.55

Operating expenses.....	\$ 69,446.52
Detailed Officers.....	\$3,797.00
Subsistence of Prisoners in Chain Gang in excess of the regular prison fare.....	2,537.00— 6,334.00

Net Cost of operating the Police Department.....\$63,112.52

Arrests Made During the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906.

Month	White		Colored		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
March.....	220	6	175	35	436
April.....	200	5	110	30	345
May.....	210	7	95	34	346
June.....	165	7	101	50	323
July.....	245	8	203	35	491
August.....	250	6	215	25	496
September.....	155	8	180	14	357
October.....	225	6	125	33	389
November.....	225	10	200	25	460
December.....	220	7	160	33	420
January.....	200	5	120	55	380
February.....	175	7	120	25	327
Total.....	2,490	82	1,804	394	4,770

Report of Arrests Made by the Detective Department During the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906.

Aggravated assault.....	1	Forgery.....	11
Assault to murder.....	12	Fugitives from justice.....	17
Assault.....	16	Gaming.....	1
Buying from minors.....	1	Interfering with an officer.....	1
Burglary.....	110	Keeping a disorderly house....	3
Contempt of court.....	2	Leaving team unhitched.....	1
Committing a nuisance.....	1	Robbery.....	5
Carrying concealed weapons...	2	Suspicion.....	112
Counterfitting.....	1	Swindling.....	2
Disturbing the peace.....	29	Sleeping in public place.....	13
Drunk and disorderly.....	30	Theft, misdemeanor.....	50
Disposing of mortgaged prop- erty.....	2	Theft, felony.....	32
Embezzlement.....	27	Theft from person.....	9
Enticing minors from home...	2	Vagrancy.....	73
Total number of arrests.....			566

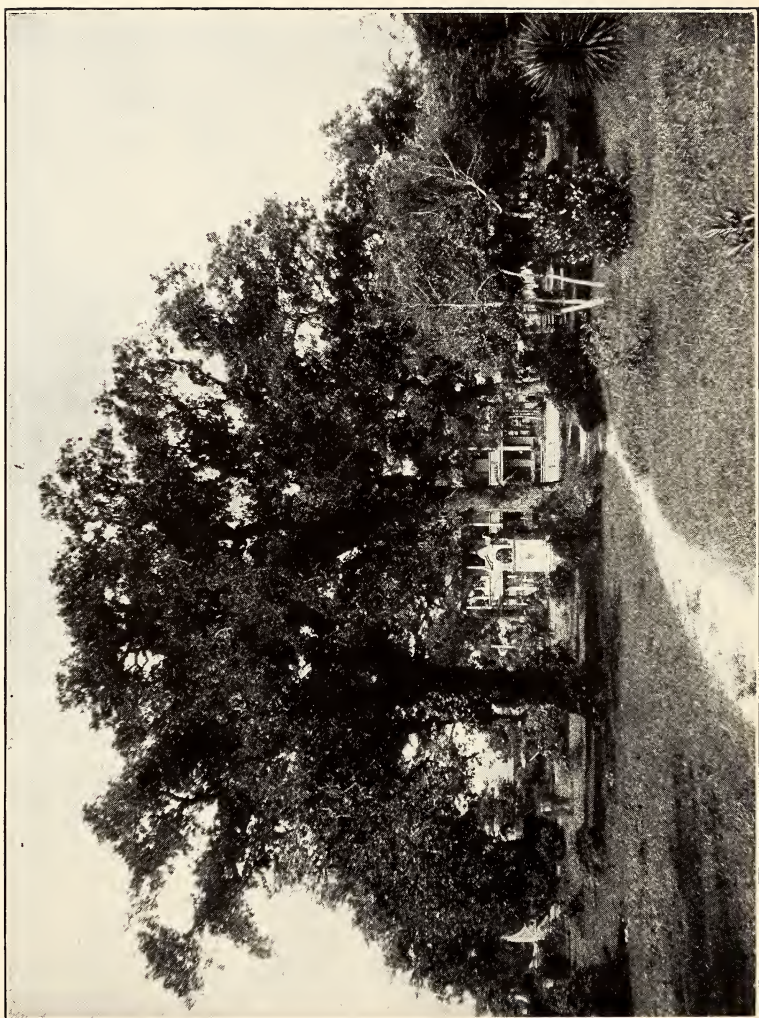
Total Number of Runs Made by Patrol Wagon.

Month	Day	Night	Total
March, 1905.....	72	134	206
April, 1905.....	62	131	193
May, 1905.....	68	114	182
June, 1905.....	71	99	170
July, 1905.....	71	158	229
August, 1905.....	70	180	250
September, 1905.....	61	118	179
October, 1905.....	71	108	179
November, 1905.....	83	111	194
December, 1905.....	98	107	205
January, 1906.....	73	84	157
February, 1906.....	63	101	164
Total.....	863	1,445	2,308

**Amount of Property Lost and Stolen in the City of Houston During the
Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906, and the Amount
Recovered and Returned to Owners.**

Amount of property reported stolen.....	\$17,035.00
Amount of property reported lost.....	1,325.00
Total Lost and Stolen.....	<u>\$18,360.00</u>
Amount of property recovered and returned to owners.....	\$10,390.00
Amount of property unrecovered.....	7,970.00
	<u>\$18,360.00</u>





SCENE—SAM HOUSTON PARK

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THOMAS O'LEARY

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 10, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor of the City of Houston:

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit to you this, my annual report, for the year 1905:

The report contains the actual time of fire service, number of miles traveled, number of feet of hose laid, number of feet of ladders used, number of gallons of chemical fluid used in extinguishing fires, an account of all losses by fire of buildings and contents, the insurance carried and paid, amount of property involved, damage to insured and uninsured buildings and contents, and the total damage to both buildings and contents during the year.

Cost of Maintaining and Operating the Fire Department for the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906.

Salaries.....	\$54,631.34
Repairs to buildings.....	888.43
Repairs and renewals of furniture.....	114.10
Repairs and renewals of equipment.....	1,934.74
Live Stock, renewal and maintenance.....	4,983.16
Light and fuel.....	2,052.20
Lubricants and Engine supplies.....	187.46
Chemicals.....	75.52
Stationery and printing.....	55.25
All other.....	264.88
Total.....	\$65,187.08

Fire Alarms During the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906.

Month.	Box Alarms	Telephone Alarms	Total Alarms	A. M.	P. M.
March, 1905.....	6	19	25	8	17
April, 1905.....	22	23	45	29	16
May, 1905.....	8	13	21	9	12
June, 1905.....	7	7	24	10	14
July, 1905.....	10	17	27	11	16
August, 1905.....	11	7	18	6	12
September, 1905.....	31	9	40	3	37
October, 1905.....	16	6	22	5	17
November, 1905.....	25	6	31	15	16
December, 1905.....	24	14	38	11	27
January, 1906.....	27	25	52	23	29
February, 1906.....	16	5	21	9	12
Total.....	201	161	364	139	225

Insurance Statistics.

Value of buildings.....	\$901,985.00
Value of stock or furniture.....	552,990.00
Total value of property involved.....	\$1,454,975.00
Insurance on buildings.....	\$222,840.00
Insurance on stock or furniture.....	119,676.00
Total amount of insurance on buildings and contents...	\$342,516.00
Damage to insured buildings.....	\$ 28,810.32
Damage to uninsured buildings.....	6,139.20
Damage to insured stock or furniture.....	48,106.62
Damage to uninsured stock or furniture.....	3,462.25
Total damage to buildings and contents.....	\$ 83,518.39

Service Performed by the Fire Department During the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1906.

Company	Fires Attend- ed	Miles From Station	Feet Hose Used	Feet Ladder Used	Gallons Chemical Used	Time at Work Hours
Hose Co. No. 1	105	66	17,650	75	374	134.00
Hose Co. No. 5	86	83.50	10,225	692	54	108.50
Hose Co. No. 6	102	84.25	9,400	803		95.00
Hose Co. No. 7	83	71.00	19,580	234	28	70.00
Hose Co. No. 8	153	136.75	25,950	312	25	137.25
Hose Co. No. 9	108	111.50	11,361	239	84	63.75
Hose Co. No. 10	128	103.50	27,564	531	52	67.75
Steamer No. 2.	86	46.50				106.50
Steamer No. 5.	84	76.45				109.25
Steamer No. 6.	80	62.50				58.50
Steamer No. 7.	47	36.00				47.75
Steamer No. 8.	76	63.50				76.50
Steamer No. 10	84	64.00				60.00
Chemical No. 4	191	194.25	6,500	2,834	4,010	141.75
Truck No. 14..	297	310.25		5,902		193.25
Truck No. 25..	22	8.25		239		14.75
Total.....	1,732	1,518.20	128,230	11,861	4,993	1,484.50

Character of Buildings Damaged.

Month	Frame Buildings	Brick Buildings	Other Than Buildings
March, 1905.....	23	1	.....
April, 1905.....	38	1	1
May, 1905.....	19	.....	1
June, 1905.....	18	1	1
July, 1905.....	18	6	.....
August, 1905.....	12	2	3
September, 1905.....	35	.....	3
October, 1905.....	19	1	.....
November, 1905.....	27	2	1
December, 1905.....	35	2	1
January, 1906.....	46	2	2
February, 1906.....	17	3	.....
Total.....	307	21	13

Comparative Statement of Alarms and Number of Men Employed.

Year	Number of Men Employed	Number of Alarms
1898.....	55	226
1899.....	55	259
1900.....	60	298
1901.....	62	297
1902.....	59	300
1903.....	61	258
1904.....	65	391
1905.....	65	364

Statement Showing Cause of Fires During Year.

CAUSE	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	TOTAL
Cigar thrown in trash.....								1	1				2
Electric Wire.....			1		2			1					4
Flue Fires.....	11	11	5	7	6	8	7	1	6	19	29	13	123
Flues defective.....	4	9	3	3	2		22	12	11	2	1	1	70
False alarms.....	3	2	1	2	1	1		1	1		1		13
Fireworks.....										1			1
Gasoline stove.....		1	2		4		2	1		1	2		13
Gas stove.....						1					2		3
Gas light.....						1							1
Gas explosion.....												2	2
Hot journal.....									1				1
Incendiary.....	2	3	1		2	1			1	1	2		13
Kettle of tar.....		1											1
Lightning.....	1	1											2
Lamp explosions.....	1	2			3	1	1	4	1	1	2		16
Matches.....						1	2	1	1		2		7
Matches in hay.....	1												1
Matches dropped in paint.....		1											1
Oil in ditch, waste.....		1				1				1			3
Oil pipe.....							2						2
Painters clothing.....									1				1
Rats eating matches.....	1												1
Spontaneous combustion.....			1										1
Smoking in bed.....				2									2
Sparks from trash pile.....		1											1
Stove.....		3		4	2		1			1		1	12
Sparks from locomotives.....			1	1		1	2						5
Tailor's iron neglected.....					1								1
Tramps set fire to trash.....											1		1
Unknown.....	2	8	6	5	4	2	1		7	10	10	4	59
Waste tar.....										1			1
Total.....	25	45	21	24	27	18	40	22	31	38	52	21	364

Number of Water Hydrants in the City.

First Ward.....	45
Second Ward.....	50
Third Ward.....	189
Fourth Ward.....	124
Fifth Ward.....	119
Sixth Ward.....	53

Total..... 580

Force of the Department.

No.	Employes	Month	Year	Total
1	Chief of Department.....	\$150.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
1	Deputy Chief.....	90.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
7	Captains of Hose Companies....	75.00	900.00	6,300.00
1	Captain Central Station.....	80.00	960.00	960.00
15	Drivers.....	70.00	840.00	12,600.00
1	Driver.....	72.50	870.00	870.00
1	Tillerman.....	70.00	840.00	840.00
6	Engineers.....	90.00	1,080.00	6,480.00
1	Stoker.....	70.00	840.00	840.00
4	Chemical Tankmen.....	65.00	780.00	3,120.00
6	Laddermen.....	65.00	780.00	4,680.00
20	Pipemen.....	60.00	720.00	14,400.00
1	Housekeeper Central Station....	60.00	720.00	720.00
65	Grand Total.....			\$54 690.00

Horses in Service.

Central Station.....	11
Engine House No. 5.....	4
Engine House No. 6.....	4
Engine House No. 7.....	4
Engine House No. 8.....	4
Engine House No. 9.....	2
Engine House No. 10.....	4

Total.....33

Value.

1 Horse died during the year.....	\$150.00
5 Horses sold or transferred to other departments.....	390.00
4 Horses purchased during the year.....	985.00

Apparatus.

We have in service twenty pieces of apparatus, located at the various stations, as follows:

Apparatus	No.	Location
1 Combination Hose Wagon.....	1	Central Station.
1 second size La France Steamer.....	2	Central Station.
1 double 60-gallon Holloway Chemical.....	4	Central Station.
1 Hose Wagon.....	5	Station No. 5.
1 third size La France Steamer.....	5	Station No. 5.
1 Combination Hose Wagon.....	6	Station No. 6.
1 fourth size La France Steamer.....	6	Station No. 6.
1 Hose Wagon.....	7	Station No. 7.
1 fourth size La France Steamer.....	7	Station No. 7.
1 Hose Wagon.....	8	Station No. 8.
1 third size Clapp & Jones Steamer.....	8	Station No. 8.
1 Hose Wagon.....	9	Station No. 9.
1 fifth size La France rotary (reserve).....	*7	Station No. 9.
1 Hose Wagon.....	10	Station No. 10.
1 fourth size La France Steamer.....	10	Station No. 10.
1 Hayes Aerial 75-foot Extension Ladder.....	15	Central Station.
1 Preston Hook and Ladder.....	14	Central Station.
1 Chief's Buggy.....	.....	Central Station.
1 Assistant Chief's Buggy.....	.....	Central Station.
1 Hose Reel in reserve.....	.....	Central Station.

* Not in use.

Size and Dimensions of Fire Steamers and Date Placed in Service.

Date placed in Service	Steamer No.	Make	Size	Boiler	Cylinder Steam	Pumps	Stroke	Capacity of water per minute
1895	2	La France.....	2d	33x60	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	700
1894	5	La France.....	3d	30x62	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	8	600
1902	6	La France.....	4th	28x72	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	7	500
1901	7	La France.....	4th	28x72	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	7	500
1896	8	Clapp & Jones— American make...	3d	30x62	7	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	8	600
1901	10	Metropolitan.....	4th	30x60	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	7	500
1900	9	La France.....	5th	30x66	.....	.....	.....	400 R

Steamer No. 9 is not in service, as its pumps are disabled.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS O'LEARY,
Chief Fire Department.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

CLARENCE R. GEORGE,

CITY ELECTRICIAN

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 28, 1906.

Hon. Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Houston:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor of submitting this my annual report for year ending February 28th, 1906.

This report contains a full statement of all matters pertaining to this department, such as expenses and receipts, repairs and renewals to the Fire Alarm System, with recommendations for the betterment, improvement and extension of the Fire Alarm System.

The following statement is the expense of this department for the past year:

Expenses.

Salary superintendent.....	\$1,500.00
Salary inspectors.....	1,337.00
Repairs and renewals to fire alarm, including lineman.....	1,313.42
Other expense.....	56.25
Total ordinary.....	\$4,206.67
Additional improvement.....	359.70
Grand Total.....	\$4,566.37

CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

New Construction—One wire from Central office on San Jacinto to Franklin, on Franklin to Milam, on Milam to Washington, on Washington to Seventh Street.

One wire from Central office on San Jacinto to Prairie, on Prairie to Fannin, on Fannin to Preston, on Preston to Tenth Street.

Two wires on Preston and Washington to Houston Avenue.

The running of the above mentioned wires were for the purpose of dividing the long circuit of the Sixth and First Wards into two circuits and decreasing the wire mileage, and preparing for the new First Ward engine house.

The main object in cutting this circuit into two circuits was to enable this office to eliminate all possible chances of line trouble that

may occur at any time in bad weather. As it was before, if the old circuit became broken or defective at any time, then all of the boxes and Engine House No. 6 would be out of commission, and could not be called upon in case of an alarm on that circuit, as the fire alarm service for that part of the city would be out of working order until such trouble could be located and the repairs made. This, of course, would be accomplished with all possible haste, as fire alarm service should never be interrupted, for there is no telling what moment it will be called upon to sound an alarm. Hence the purpose of dividing this large circuit into two circuits.

Two wires on Brazos from San Felipe to McKinney, moving box 47 from Bagby and San Felipe to McKinney and Brazos Street; box 453 was placed where box 47 was moved from.

Two wires on Clay from Travis to Milam, and installed box 452 at Clay and Milam Street.

Two wires on St. Emanuel from McKinney to Walker, and installed box 353 at St. Emanuel and Walker.

Two wires on Louisiana from Drew to Elgin; same on Elgin to Milam, and installed box 431 at Milam and Elgin Street.

Two wires on Colorado from Edwards to Bingham, and installed box 152 at Colorado and Bingham Street.

Two wires on German from I. & G. N. Place to Flynn, and installed box 251 at German and Flynn.

Two wires on Polk from Chartres to Hamilton, and installed box 321 at Hamilton and Polk Street.

Two wires over Preston Avenue to the south end of the City Hall, and installed fire alarm punching register in Commissioner James Appleby's office.

Two wires from box 453 to Chief O'Leary's residence, and installed house gong.

Removed house gong from ex-Chief Arto's residence.

Reconstruction—Removed two wires on Chenevert Street from Jefferson to Pierce, from the east side of the street to the west side, and moved box 332 to the northwest corner of Chenevert and Pierce, account of telephone company removing poles to the opposite side of Chenevert Street.

Removed two wires on Clay Street between Travis and Main, and

changed box 415 from the northwest corner to the southeast corner of Main and Clay Street, account of telephone company changing poles to opposite side of Clay Street.

Two wires on McKinney from Chartres to Hamilton, and installed box 315 at McKinney and Hamilton.

BOXES OVERHAULED.

The following boxes have been given a thorough overhauling, such as repainting, cleaning and rewiring:

Boxes 26, 27, 212, 315, 415, 421, 47, 32.

Changing circuit-break wheels in the following boxes:

Boxes 32, 212, 327, 67, 25, 28, 524, 47, 65, 62, 421, 63.

NEW BOXES INSTALLED.

- 152 Colorado and Bingham (First Ward Colored School).
- 251 German and Flynn (Langston Colored School).
- 252 Commerce and Hamilton (Rusk School).
- 351 Jackson and Calhoun (Douglass Colored School).
- 353 St. Emanuel and Walker (Austin School).
- 431 Milam and Elgin.
- 451 Smith and Tuam (Fannin School, changed from Box 421.)
- 452 Milam and Clay (Taylor School).
- 453 San Felipe and Bagby (Colored High School, changed from 47).
- Box 47 changed to McKinney and Brazos.
- Box 421 changed to Travis and Calhoun.

The above boxes, with the exception of boxes 47, 431 and 421, were purchased in 1904, but were not installed until 1905.

INSPECTION OF ELECTRIC WIRING.

This includes the inspection of wiring for the purpose of electric lighting and power. The figures herein shown does not include the number of inspections made, as each permit may require from one to five separate inspections on any one installation, especially in buildings under construction, as it is the duty of the Inspector to see that all wiring is installed in the safest possible manner, to eliminate all danger from fire originating from defective wiring, and the use of fittings not approved.

	No.
Permits for electrical wiring.....	1,299
Permits for electrical service.....	1,200
Certificates on electrical construction.....	43
Permits to set poles.....	109
Poles inspected.....	788
Revenue from inspection.....	\$2,607.15

WORK FOR OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS.

Care and attention of the electric pump at the Preston Avenue tunnel.

Rewiring and changing position of the arc lamps in the Market House, and such other changes necessary in the City Hall.

Putting additional lights in the Assessor's office.

Installing fan in Mayor's office.

Installing lights in Scavenger's office.

Piping and wiring the sewer pumping station for lights. The wiring in this building was all placed in iron conduit pipe, and was installed with the very best approved material.

NUMBER OF BOXES IN SERVICE.

Total number of city boxes in service.....	85
Total number of private boxes in service.....	5

Total number of all boxes in service.....90

VALUATION OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

The following figures are an approximate valuation of the Fire Alarm System, including all instruments, wires, poles and fixtures thereto. These figures do not include the labor of installation:

Central Station, ground floor.....	\$ 830.00
Engine House No. 5.....	323.50
Engine House No. 6.....	305.25
Engine House No. 7.....	290.50
Engine House No. 8.....	305.50
Engine House No. 9.....	268.50
Engine House No. 10.....	299.00
First Ward House, instruments in hand.....	305.00
Outside construction, including signal boxes, bell machine, wire, poles and other fixtures.....	18,870.20
Central Fire Alarm Office instruments, furniture and fixtures..	9,356.00
Horse and buggy.....	100.00
Total.....	\$31,253.45

I wish to thank His Honor, the Mayor, and the Commissioners for the assistance rendered me in the discharge of the duties involved in this office doing the past year. And with your assistance doing the coming year, I will do my utmost to make many improvements in the Fire Alarm System that the administration can point to with pride.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE R. GEORGE,
City Electrician.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

W. M. BRUMBY, M. D.,

CITY HEALTH OFFICER

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 1, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor:

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit my report, as City Health Officer, for the fourteen months ending February 28th, 1906, embracing tables of expense, mortality, summary of deaths by ages, births reported, contagious diseases reported and revenue.

Respectfully,

W. M. BRUMBY,

*City Health Officer.**Per F. R. ROSS.*

This department paid out \$84.00 in September, \$488.00 in October and \$467.00 in November for state guards at Echo and Logansport, account yellow fever; total, \$1,039.00. These guards were furnished the state by the Mayor, in accordance with a request from the State Health Officer to keep a strict border quarantine.

Of the \$12,409.90 spent in this department, \$3,293.10 was spent furnishing medicine to the poor, and taking care of the helpless at the hospital.

Recapitulation of the Hospital, Drug and Stationery Account of the Health Department for the Year 1905.

	Hospital	Drugs	Stationery
January.....	\$198.60	\$61.10	\$ 1.35
February.....	221.20	87.65	.....
March.....	186.60	57.00	1.80
April.....	153.60	37.50	.....
May.....	171.90	27.70	22.00
June.....	226.10	46.00	15.00
July.....	201.90	26.40	19.15
August.....	177.30	141.60	62.25
September.....	243.60	40.20	4.00
October.....	167.70	50.90	3.50
November.....	233.15	63.80	.....
December.....	151.20	61.55	.....
Total.....	\$2,332.85	\$701.40	\$129.05

Of the \$141.60 drug bill in August, \$93.75 was for five kegs of formaldehyde.

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Classified List of Causes of Death—Continued.

Name of Disease	Jan. 1905	Feb. 1905	Mch. 1905	Apr. 1905	May 1905	June 1905	July 1905	Aug. 1905	Sep. 1905	Oct. 1905	Nov. 1905	Dec. 1905	Jan. 1906	Feb. 1906	Total
Local Injuries.															
Brain, Compression of.....		1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4
Fracture.....		.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	5
Gun Shot Wound.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	3	21
Incised Wound.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	7
Total.....															37
Suicide.															
Poisoning.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	.....	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	11
Shooting.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	5
Total.....															16
Grand Total.....	90	109	69	59	101	68	79	96	73	88	62	77	86	91	1148

Deaths for Fourteen months, 1,148. Rate per year, per 1,000, 14.5. Estimated population, 70,000.

Summary of Deaths by Ages for Fourteen Months Ending February 28, 1906.

Age	Jan. 1905	Feb. 1905	Mch. 1905	Apr. 1905	May 1905	June 1905	July 1905	Aug. 1905	Sep. 1905	Oct. 1905	Nov. 1905	Dec. 1905	Jan. 1906	Feb. 1906	Total
Under 1 year.....	15	11	10	13	25	12	20	23	4	8	10	15	13	14	193
1 to 5 years.....	5	15	5	9	6	8	7	9	3	4	5	5	17	10	108
5 to 10 years.....	3	4	5	1	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	...	6	3	35
10 to 20 years.....	8	12	4	...	...	3	5	3	8	6	4	...	6	4	73
20 to 30 years.....	12	12	7	11	10	7	10	5	11	12	10	9	11	11	138
30 to 40 years.....	8	16	11	9	14	7	10	7	13	12	8	14	5	13	147
40 to 50 years.....	6	18	6	3	5	13	13	12	4	17	7	11	5	10	130
50 to 60 years.....	9	14	9	6	12	6	1	11	12	12	6	13	10	9	130
60 to 70 years.....	9	3	4	4	6	4	2	11	12	10	6	2	5	5	83
70 to 80 years.....	9	2	5	1	10	4	5	4	4	4	2	1	6	7	64
80 to 90 years.....	3	1	2	1	3	1	1	5	...	2	3	3	1	4	30
90 to 100 years.....	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	8
Unknown.....	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	9
Total.....	90	109	69	59	101	68	79	96	73	88	62	77	86	91	1148

**Summary of Births Reported for Fourteen Months
Ending Feb. 28, 1906.**

1905	White	Black	Total
January.....	32	8	40
February.....	36	13	49
March.....	19	13	32
April.....	22	6	28
May.....	29	9	38
June.....	18	12	30
July.....	20	12	32
August.....	28	12	40
September.....	18	22	40
October.....	23	12	35
November.....	17	18	35
December.....	14	9	23
1906			
January.....	13	24	37
February.....	15	19	34
Total.....	304	189	493

**Summary of Contagious Diseases for Fourteen Months
Ending Feb. 28, 1906.**

Name of Disease	Cases		Deaths		Total Deaths
	White	Black	White	Black	
Tuberculosis.....	*	*	89	85	174
Smallpox.....	9	18	.....	.....	.....
Diphtheria.....	43	6	1	.....	1
Scarlet Fever.....	11	.....	1	.....	1
Total Deaths.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	176

* Tuberculosis cases not reported.

**Summary of Revenue of Health Department for Fourteen
Months Ending February 28, 1906.**

Fumigating for Contagious Diseases:

November, 1905.....	\$ 3.50
December, 1905.....	3.00
January, 1906.....	3.00
February, 1906.....	6.50
Total.....	\$16.00

Fumigation of infected rooms, expense assumed by city. When other rooms or houses are fumigated by request, expense charged to parties making request.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

F. J. OLLRE

MARKET MASTER

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 1, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with Article 7, Section 10, of the City Charter, requiring each department to submit an annual report, I beg leave to submit the following report, showing receipts from January 1st, 1905, to February 28th, 1906:

January, 1905.....	\$ 1,389.25
February, 1905.....	1,290.25
March, 1905.....	1,312.60
April, 1905.....	1,570.60
May, 1905.....	1,491.75
June, 1905.....	1,540.75
July, 1905.....	1,554.60
August, 1905.....	1,480.50
September, 1905.....	1,426.25
October, 1905.....	1,377.00
November, 1905.....	1,387.00
December, 1905.....	1,460.50
January, 1906.....	1,491.50
February, 1906.....	1,433.50
Total.....	<hr/> \$20,206.05

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. OLLRE,
Market Master.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JACK KENNEDY,

CITY SCAVENGER

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 28, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor:

DEAR SIR: I beg to submit herewith my annual report, showing disbursements and work done in my department from January 1st, 1905, to July 1st, 1905, and from July 1st, 1905, to February 28th, 1906.

GENERAL REVENUE.

Amount Work Done and Closets Cleaned

From January 1, 1905, to July 1, 1905—

January.....	\$ 1,261.75
February.....	1,101.25
March.....	1,635.00
April.....	1,546.75
May.....	1,658.75
June.....	1,261.00—\$ 8,464.50

From July 1, 1905, to February 28, 1906—

July.....	\$ 1,510.50
August.....	2,008.00
September.....	1,003.25
October.....	1,323.00
November.....	1,210.75
December.....	1,241.25
January.....	1,741.75
February.....	1,411.25—\$ 11,449.75
	\$ 19,914.25

Amount of Cash Collected

From January 1, 1905, to July 1, 1905—

January.....	\$ 1,264.65
February.....	1,125.00
March.....	1,617.00
April.....	1,516.00
May.....	1,659.00
June.....	1,228.75—\$ 8,410.40

From July 1, 1905, to February 28, 1906—

July.....	\$ 1,506.50
August.....	2,001.25
September.....	974.00
October.....	1,308.75
November.....	1,199.75
December.....	1,264.00
January.....	1,695.75
February.....	1,365.50—\$ 11,315.50
	\$ 19,725.90

General Expense

From January 1, 1905, to July 1, 1905—

City Scavenger at \$125.00.....	\$ 750.00	
Clerk.....	510.00	
Inspectors.....	1,313.72	
Warrant Officer.....	450.00	
Laborers, at \$2.25 and \$2.00.....	2,907.81	
Feed bill and stable expense.....	1,166.82	
Horseshoeing.....	58.35	
Repairs on wagons.....	15.60	
Repairs on barrels and renewals.....	100.00	
Repairs on tools and renewals.....	9.85	
Stationery and printing.....	151.16	
Disinfectants, crude.....	89.15	
Towels and soap for office.....	5.00—\$	7,527.46

From July 1, 1905, to February 28, 1906—

City Scavenger.....	750.00	
Clerk.....	582.50	
Inspectors (extra Inspectors months of August and September, \$916.65).....	2,850.97	
Warrant Officer.....	91.94	
Laborers at \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 per day..	3,397.39	
Feed bill and stable expense.....	1,114.79	
Horseshoeing.....	96.15	
Repairs on wagons.....	96.45	
Repairs on barrels and renewals.....	98.75	
Stationery and printing.....	150.51	
Disinfectants, crude.....	126.00	
Miscellaneous supplies.....	25.44	
Towels, soap and glass.....	7.00	
New wagons purchased.....	600.00—\$	9,987.89

\$ 17,515.35

By credit two mules transferred to Garbage
Department.....

300.00

Disinfectants furnished Park, School and Police..

16.00—

316.00

Grand total expense.....\$ 17,199.35

Outstanding Bills for 1905.

City Park.....	\$ 5.00
Crittenton Home and Infant's Home	11.25
Public Schools.....	77.50
Charity.....	37.25
City Employees.....	12.00
Unpaid bills.....	46.50

\$189.50

Recapitulation.

Cash.....	\$19,725.90
Bills outstanding.....	189.50
Total.....	\$19,915.40
Expense.....	17,515.35

Net profit over operating ex-
penses.....\$ 2,400.05

Number of Places Cleaned and Inspected.

	No. Cleaned.	No. Condemned	Good Condition.
January, 1905.....	1,297	972	.....
February, 1905.....	1,122	980	.....
March, 1905.....	1,692	1,250	.....
April, 1905.....	1,620	1,186	.....
May, 1905.....	1,773	1,274	.....
June, 1905.....	1,338— 8,842	1,135— 6,797	.....
July, 1905.....	1,667	1,622	.....
August, 1905.....	2,184	1,812	.....
September, 1905.....	1,095	1,333	.....
October, 1905.....	1,481	1,309	.....
November, 1905.....	1,329	1,181	.....
December, 1905.....	1,406	1,250	2,296
January, 1906.....	1,971	1,637	1,637
February, 1906.....	1,525—12,658	1,192—11,336	2,346
	21,500	18,133	6,279

Inventory of Stock, Barrels, Tools and Wagons.

	Good	Bad	Total
Sanitary barrels.....	41	13	54
Disinfectant kegs.....	4	2	6
Box hooks.....	3	3	6
Dippers, short handle.....	4	.....	4
Dippers, long handles.....	1	.....	1
Shovels.....	4	.....	4
Wagons.....	4	7	11
Mules.....	10	.....	10
Harness.....	.....	10	10
Disinfectant, crude, on hand, gallons..	.....	.....	300
Faucets.....	.....	2	2
Pump No. 4.....	1	.....	1
Pipe, feet.....	20	.....	20

Respectfully submitted,

JACK KENNEDY,
City Scavenger.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

R. G. ASHE,

SUPERINTENDENT GARBAGE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending
February 28, 1906.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH 1ST, 1906.

HON. H. B. RICE,

Mayor:

DEAR SIR:. In compliance with your order, I herewith submit to you this my report, embracing the period from January 1st, 1905, to March 5th, 1906.

The duties of this department are to collect the garbage throughout the city. I have at my disposal to accomplish this work, fifteen men, twelve carts and one wagon.

The financial expenditures of this department are as shown by the report attached, marked "Exhibit A."

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. ASHE,

Superintendent of Garbage Department.

Expense of Garbage Department from January 1, 1905, to March 1,
1906—Fourteen Months.

January, 1905.....	\$1,322.53	
February, 1905.....	1,055.72	
March, 1905.....	939.57	
April, 1905.....	986.10	
May, 1905.....	1,193.56	
June, 1905.....	977.95—	\$6,475.43
July, 1905.....	980.84	
August, 1905.....	1,811.88	
September, 1905.....	1,053.53	
October, 1905.....	1,295.88	
November, 1905.....	1,166.46	
December, 1905.....	1,192.58—	7,501.17
January, 1906.....	1,442.97	
February, 1906.....	1,164.36—	2,607.33
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		\$16,583.93

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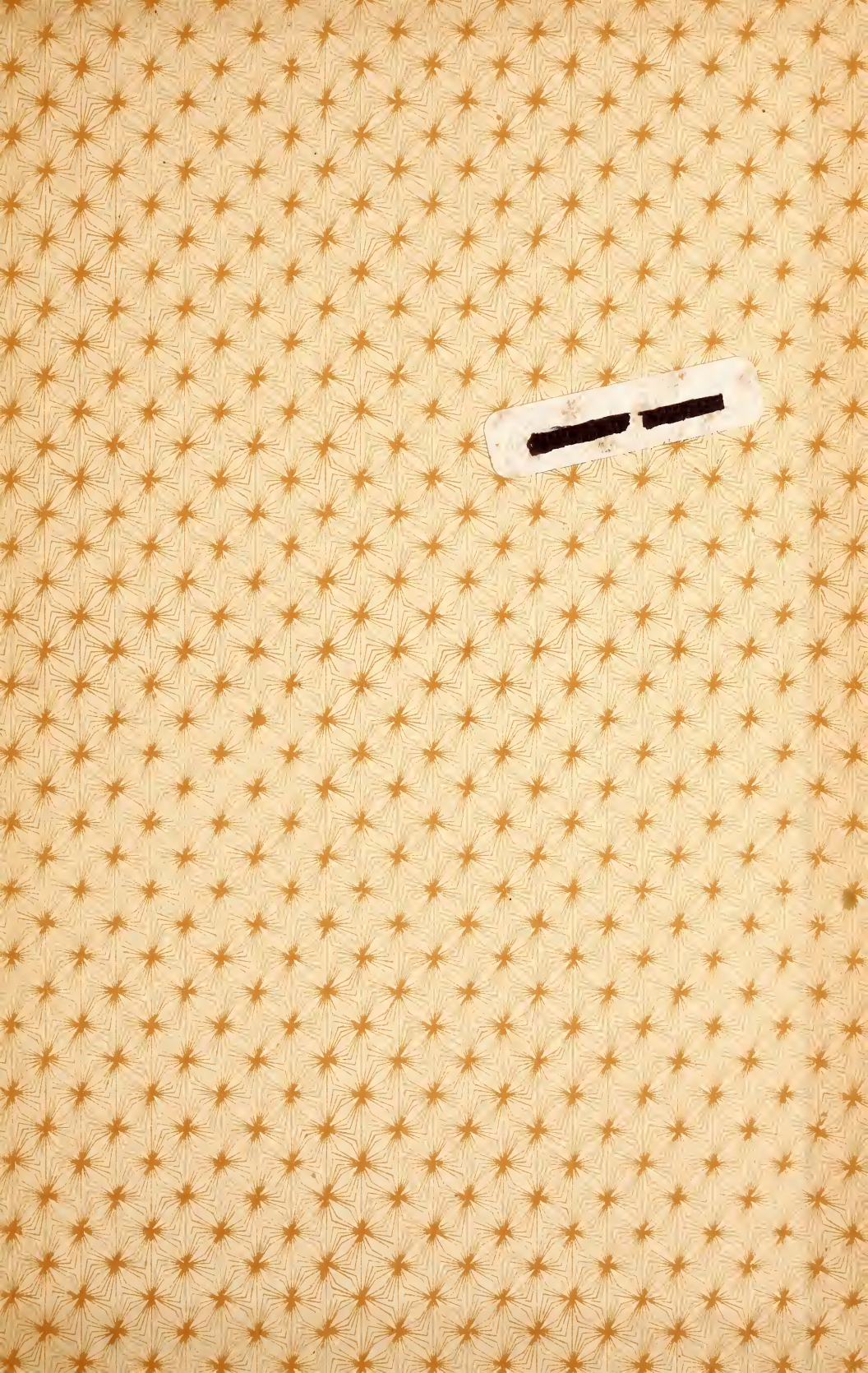


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